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OF THE

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MAY, 1882.



APRIL, 1883.

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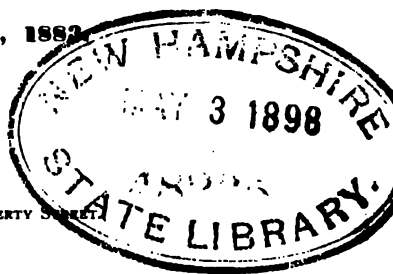
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Sixty-Second Annual Report.

Fellow Members :

On behalf of the Board of Direction I have to present to you this evening, in compliance with the provisions of our organic law, the account of our administration of the affairs of the Association during the fiscal year just ended, which will be the Sixty-Second Annual Report.

When we assumed our responsibilities one year ago, we did so with the full knowledge of the difficulties with which we would have to contend in our efforts to extend and enlarge our sphere of usefulness.

The details of our transactions will show, that while our list of membership has not been extended as we had hoped, and in consequence our circulation has not equalled that of last year, yet the number of volumes added to the Library has steadily increased ; in fact, the increase in our collection of books has more than kept pace with that of former years—the number added being greater than it has been for the past two years.

We think the demands of our members for new books have been very fully met—few if any complaints having been received on this score. In addition to having purchased the cur-

It affords us great pleasure to be able to say that this extension of our facilities has been accomplished without incurring any indebtedness.

The number of books belonging to the Library as given in the last Annual Report was 195,744.

Special efforts have been made to dispose of the duplicate books for which the demand has ceased.

In this way we have disposed of 1,818 duplicate copies, for which we have received \$1,271.46.

Deducting this number makes our net increase for the year 3,114.

The total income of the Library for the year from all sources, as shown by the Treasurer's Report was..\$22,022.52

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We refer you to the Treasurer's report, read this evening, for a detailed statement of receipts and expenditures :

MEMBERSHIP.

Total number of Active Members, April 30, 1882....	1,965
" Subscribing " " " 	1,451
	<hr/> 3,416
Active Members joined during the year.....	356
Subscribing " " " " 	620
	<hr/> 976
	4,392
Active Members' accounts closed by Constitution, 614	
Subscribing " " " " " 	642
	<hr/> 1,256
	<hr/> <u>3,136</u>
Number of Active Members, April 30, 1883, ...	1,707
" Subscribing " " " 	1,429
	<hr/> 3,136
" Honorary " " " 	71
" Editors using Library " " 	54
" Clinton Hall Stockholders	1,701
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Total number of persons entitled to use the Library,	
April 30, 1883.....	<hr/> <u>4,962</u>

CIRCULATION.

The total circulation for the year was 112,375 volumes, of this number 83,131 volumes were distributed from the main library, 27,549 from the Branch Office, and 1,695 books were delivered by messengers at Members' residences.

MERCANTILE LIBRARY

The number of volumes of Fiction circulated was	53,937
“ Standard Works “	48,614
“ in Foreign Languages	9,824

The circulation, as compared with that of last year, shows a decrease of 7,970 volumes.

The daily average circulation was 368 volumes. The largest daily circulation was 673 volumes on Feb. 24. The smallest daily circulation was 181 volumes on July 27th.

The number of books used in the Reference Department exclusive of the use of the books located there permanently, was 16,254 volumes.

The number of Magazines circulated was 3,906.

3,934 notices were sent to members to return books retained overtime.

BRANCH OFFICE.

Our down town Branch Office still remains at No. 2 Liberty Place. Our lease for the premises will expire on the 1st day of May, 1884, when we fear we shall be compelled to seek other accommodations. The property has changed owners, and we understand the purchasers will require the room we now occupy for their own use. The popularity and usefulness of this Office still continues, as is shown by the increased business of the present year over that of last year.

The number of volumes circulated was 27,549 volumes, an increase of 2,881 volumes, or 11½ per cent. which is the largest circulation since 1879.

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

A change, which thus far appears to give universal satisfaction, has been made in the system of arranging the books located in this department.

Heretofore, the custom has been to place them all in one

alphabetical arrangement without regard to the character of the work.

They have now been classified, thus bringing all the books of each class together on the shelves, and enabling searchers in special subjects to see at a glance the works contained in each division.

Our reference department, by reason of its accessibility and the freedom permitted in the use of the Encyclopædias, Dictionaries, and all the books contained therein, has always been popular with our members.

Unfortunately, we have just cause of complaint, that our liberality has been abused and taken advantage of by the Goths and Vandals of literature to destroy and steal our property.

Tomlinson's Encyclopædia of Useful Arts has been mutilated to such an extent as to render it useless.

The article on Political Economy in Appleton's Cyclopædia has twice been cut out of the volumes which contained it.

Homan's Cyclopædia of Commerce, and Knight's Mechanical Dictionary, have also been badly mutilated.

Among some of the books that have been stolen, are Storer's Dictionary of the Solubilities—the second volume of the new edition of the Encyclopædia Britannica, Andrew's Latin Dictionary, and several others. Some of the books stolen or mutilated have been replaced, while others it has been found impossible to obtain.

It is the earnest desire of the Board of Direction to largely increase this practical and highly important branch of usefulness, did they meet with the encouragement their efforts deserve. It makes the honest man blush to read the placard we have been obliged to post conspicuously in the Library, "50 dollars reward for information which will lead to the detection of mutilators and stealers of books." Would that the sight of it would paralyze the hand of the evil doer.

To maintain the efficiency of the reference department, demands the purchase of expensive books, and the heartless wretch who, by cutting out page after page of just the informa-

tion he happens at the moment to want, robs his fellow members of opportunities to earn their livelihood, deserve the severest punishment. We cannot afford to place a detective over each individual consulting our books, and if this satanic mischief is to continue more stringent rules will have to be enforced.

BINDERY.

The agreement which has existed for some years between the Association and WM. LITTLEFIELD, whereby a bindery was established in the building, that the binding and repairing of the Library's books might be under our immediate supervision, was terminated in October last by your Board giving notice that they wished it discontinued.

This action was taken in consequence of the unsatisfactory manner in which Mr. LITTLEFIELD was performing his duties.

Since the termination of this contract, the work has been given to outside binderies, whose dispatch and workmanship have thus far proved entirely acceptable.

We have not disposed of the machinery, now the property of the Library, inasmuch as it may be considered at some future time desirable to re-establish the bindery.

As the Library steadily increases, the binding and repair of our books promises, at no distant day, to be a large and important item of expense. The rapid deterioration of the bindings of our books which are stored upon the upper gallery of the Library, is becoming a serious matter.

The books placed on this gallery are works principally used for reference, and are not permitted to leave the building.

It has been observed that books strongly bound in fine bindings which are seldom used, are crumbling and falling to pieces on the shelves.

We believe this to be due to the action of gas and the intense heat prevailing in the upper part of the room.

We desire in this connection to quote the views of Prof. A.

H. CHURCH on the effect which coal gas produces on the binding of books. He says :

“The injurious influence of the products of combustion of coal gas upon the leather binding of books is only too well known. Vellum seems unaffected, morocco suffers least, calf is much injured, and russia still more so. The disintegration is most rapid with books on the upper shelves of a Library, whither the heated products of combustion ascend, and where they are absorbed and condensed. By comparing specimens of old leather with specimens of new, it is quite clear that the destructive influence of gas is due mainly to its sulphur.”

The room in which the great bulk of our books is stored, and in which is the space used for the Reading Room, is open every night in the year excepting Sundays and holidays until 10 o'clock.

The gas burners in use nightly number several hundred. With a temperature that is comfortable on the floor, the heat of the upper alcoves is so great as to be almost unbearable. Under such conditions where the heat is continuous from one year's end to the other it will readily be seen how damaging it must be to the bindings of our books.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

The list of Honorary Members has not been increased by any additions during the year.

No less than seven have been removed from us by death. These are, PETER COOPER, FREDERICK DE PEYSTER, HON. WM. E. DODGE, JESSE HOYT, HON. E. D. MORGAN, MOSES TAYLOR.

By the death of the venerable PETER COOPER, our community has met with an irreparable loss.

He endeared himself to the public by his deeds of benevolence and charity, and by his endeavors to ameliorate the condition of his fellow man—by his acts he showed himself to be a man of deeds rather than words. After a long life of constant

activity and usefulness, he was called to his rest at the ripe age of 92 years.

In this connection, we must also chronicle the decease of Mr. ALEXANDER RHIND, a member of the Board of Direction in 1861-62, and President of the Library in 1867-68.

DONATIONS.

On behalf of the Association, we extend our grateful acknowledgments to the friends of the Library who have remembered us throughout the year, by the donation of books and pamphlets.

A list of these donations, with the names of the donors, will appear as an appendix to this report.

CLINTON HALL ASSOCIATION.

Our thanks are due to the gentlemen composing the Board of Trustees of this Association for the valuable aid they have extended to us during the year. By reference to their report, it will be seen they have added 3,399 books during the year at a cost of \$4,582.97.

The following is the report of the Committee to examine the books and other property of the Association :

To the President and Board of Directors of the Mercantile Library Association, :

GENTLEMEN : The undersigned, the Special Committee appointed by you to examine the books and other property of the Association, beg leave to report as follows :

We found the books, works of art, and the interior of the Library, generally, in good order and condition.

We made a survey of the entire Institution and found the various departments well cared for, showing great attention on the part of the Librarian and his assistants.

We were much pleased with the well-ordered Reference Department.

We consider the new system of arranging the books on the shelves in classes a decided improvement over the old plan.

The crowded condition of the shelves, and the contracted area occupied by the Department, impressed us with the necessity of having more room for this branch of the Library, which has always been popular with the members.

From our inspection, however, we failed to discover where extra space could be had in the building as at present arranged, as almost all of the other Departments show an equally crowded condition.

We found much interest in examining the card catalogue which is accessible to all members. This catalogue, in its arrangement of authors, subjects and titles under one continuous alphabet, we think a valuable feature in the workings of the Library, and of great service to readers in their searches for books.

We consider it our duty to call your attention to the condition in which we found the hallway on the first floor of the Library Building at the time we made our visit.

The floor was covered with debris, and workmen were actively engaged in packing boxes with materials of various kinds.

The place presented the appearance of a carpenter shop.

Upon inquiry we learned that this state of affairs was of frequent occurrence, the tenants of the building making use of the hall for storage and packing purposes.

We think such work in the public hall, where members of the Library have to pass to and fro, entirely wrong, and we recommend that you bring the matter to the attention of the Trustees of Clinton Hall, and endeavor to have the evil abated.

Respectfully submitted,

W. D. SEARLS,
SAM'L PUTNAM,
A. W. SHERMAN,
CHAS. H. HANCE,
Committee.

EXECUTIVE FORCE.

It affords the Board of Direction great pleasure to state, that the clerical force of the Library, under the supervision of Mr. W. T. PEOPLES, our esteemed Librarian, has performed its duties to our entire satisfaction, always seeking to carry out faithfully the wishes of the Board.

We have to record the death of Mr. MAX AUERBACH, the assistant in our Foreign Book Department, whose place is now filled by Mr. CHARLES BRUN.

In deference to the expressed wish of a majority of the members present at the last annual meeting, your Board took no action to shorten business hours either in the Library or Reading Room.

The amount of business transacted at night is still comparatively small, less even than during the last year. The sum paid for light is \$1,414.02.

Every effort has been made to interest the community in the Library and to extend our business. Two bulletins of the new accessions have been issued and given to the members free of charge. To one of these bulletins was added a list of books recommended as suitable for young readers, and was also intended to assist parents and others in the selection of good reading.

More than ten thousand of these bulletins were sent by mail to residences throughout the city.

The delivery of books up town by messengers, which has heretofore been limited to places below 60th street, has been extended to 80th street.

For years past our predecessors in office have asserted that if we wished to retain our business it was absolutely necessary that our location should be changed.

Our experience of the past twelve months leads us to fully concur with this view.

The complaint we have most frequently met with during the

year is this, "The Library is so far away, it costs as much to get here as it does to buy reading matter."

Our present location as to its accessibility by the various lines of travel we think a very central one. That, however, does not suit the public.

This point is so aptly touched upon in "Libraries and Readers" by Mr. FOSTER, that we quote the following passage :

"The Public is in favor of having the Library as near its place of residence as possible, and here, unfortunately, 'the public' is a plural personage who cannot all be suited at once. It is in favor of that method of obtaining the privileges of the Library requiring the least trouble and inconvenience on its part. It is in favor of finding the Library open on all days and at all hours. In short, while it is by no means difficult to persuade the public of the reasonableness of a particular restriction, yet its first thought is sometimes largely influenced by selfish considerations."

We know of an instance where the circulation of a Library was increased 20,000 volumes in one year by its removal to a more central location. We cite this to show what an important bearing the situation has upon the success of a Library.

Our Library now numbers almost 200,000 volumes. With this large number of books, together with our valuable Reference Department, we believe, notwithstanding the low prices at which certain classes of books can be bought, that it is possible to greatly enlarge our usefulness were it in our power to bring our collection nearer the homes of those from whom we may expect support.

The question of a new home for the Library is not controlled by your representatives.

The gentlemen having this matter in charge have as yet not been able to see their way clear to a solution. Let us hope that before another year shall have passed, this most important problem, the solving of which is so necessary for the security and welfare of the Library, will have been intelligently and satisfactorily settled.

A. WETMORE, JR., *President.*

Annual Meeting.

The Sixty-Second Annual Meeting of the Mercantile Library Association was held in the rooms of Messrs. GEO. A. LEAVITT & Co., Clinton Hall, on Tuesday Evening, the 8th of May, 1883.

The meeting was called to order at 8:20 o'clock by the President of the Association, Mr. A. WETMORE, JR., who occupied the chair.

The Secretary read the minutes of the last Annual Meeting, which were adopted.

In the absence of the Treasurer of the Association, his report was read by the Secretary, which was, upon motion, adopted.

The Reports of the President and Treasurer of Clinton Hall Association were read by the Secretary, and, on motion, were received and ordered to be printed with the Annual Report.

The report of the Treasurer of the Permanent Catalogue Fund was read, and ordered to be printed with Annual Report.

The President then read the Sixty-Second Annual Report of the Mercantile Library Association, which, on motion, was accepted and ordered to be printed for distribution among the members.

On motion of Mr. CHAS. S. ARTHUR, the thanks of the members of the Mercantile Library Association were tendered to the officers and members of the Board of Direction, for the manner in which they had conducted the affairs of the Association during the year.

On motion, the meeting adjourned.

J. L. GRAHAM, JR.,

Secretary.

APPENDIXES
TO
ANNUAL REPORT.

1883.

[APPENDIX I.]

TREASURER'S REPORT
OF THE
MERCANTILE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION,
For the Year ending April 30th, 1883.

RECEIPTS.

Initiation Fees	\$ 976 00
Semi-Annual Dues	12,271 00
Duplicate Accounts	769 50
Amount received for Extra Books and Fines	2,484 39
Catalogues	55 30
Duplicate Books	1,271 46
Interest	726 24
Book Delivery	210 15
Old Paper	141 38
Clinton Hall	1,793 72
Balance, April 30th, 1882	1,323 38
	<u>\$22,022 52</u>

EXPENDITURES.

Books	\$1,700 52
Periodicals	1,878 47
Fixtures	46 46
Incidentals	804 64
Light	1,414 02
Salaries	7,402 45
Branch Office	1,553 89
Insurance	275 75
Stationery	584 17
Catalogue	647 75
Binding	1,426 12
Advertising	129 16
Book Delivery	183 40
Permanent Catalogue Fund	480 00
Balance, Lincoln National Bank	3,235 72
	<u>\$22,022 52</u>

[APPENDIX II.]

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
President of Clinton Hall Association.

NEW YORK, May 8, 1883.

*To the President and Board of Direction Mercantile Library
Association :*

GENTLEMEN :

I herewith present for your information the Annual Report of the Treasurer of the Clinton Hall Association, showing the receipts and disbursements of the past fiscal year.

Very respectfully, yours,

ISAAC H. BAILEY,
President.

[APPENDIX III.]

ANNUAL REPORT

OF

M. C. D. BORDEN,

Treasurer Clinton Hall Association.

May, 1883.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand, May, 1882.....	\$3,265 77
Rents collected, less repairs, expenses, &c.....	15,428 63
Interest.....	840 00
	<u>\$19,534 40</u>

EXPENDITURES.

Books.....	\$4,582 97
Binding.....	856 22
Coal.....	345 00
General Repairs.....	132 44
Janitor.....	399 96
Insurance.....	723 02
Interest.....	7,275 00

MERCANTILE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION.

One-half Rent Branch Office.....	237 50
Printing Annual Report.....	75 00
Cleaning, Lighting, &c.....	161 10
Clerical Services.....	500 00
	<u>\$15,288 21</u>
Cash on hand, May, 1883.....	4,246 19
	<u>\$19,534 40</u>

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INSURANCE.

On Buildings.....	\$75,000 00
" Books.....	66,000 00
" Furniture.....	13,000 00
	<u>\$154,000 00</u>

BOOKS ADDED DURING THE YEAR, 3,399 VOLUMES,

CLASSIFIED AS FOLLOWS :

On Theology.....	117
" Mental and Moral Science.....	43
" Political Science	78
" Literature.....	581
" History, Geography, and Travels.....	539
" Biography.....	300
" Mathematics	3
" Natural Science.....	59
" Medical Science.....	33
" Art.....	135
" Fiction.....	1,511
	<u>3,399</u>
Previous Purchases.....	<u>36,303</u>
Total number of volumes added by Clinton Hall Association.....	39,702

M. C. D. BORDEN,

Treasurer.

New York, May 8th, 1883.

[APPENDIX IV.]

ANNUAL ADDITIONS OF MEMBERS AND BOOKS.

Expenditures for Books, Total Receipts, etc., from the 9th of November, 1820, to 1st of May, 1883.

YEARS.	No. of Mem- bers who have joined the Library.	No. of Vols. acquired by purchase & donation.	Amount Ex- pended for Books and Periodicals.	Amount Ex- pended for Binding.	Donations received.	Total Receipts.
1820-21	204	1,000	\$600 00		\$600 00	\$900 00
1822	76	250	273 00		150 00	510 00
1823	81	100	150 00		250 00	726 69
1824	77	175	208 00			712 23
1825	257	675	619 00	\$73 00	795 00	1,469 00
1826	471	1,000	756 72	190 28	785 75	2,246 42
1827	360	1,200	695 12	31 38		1,750 52
1828	295	1,000	330 27	146 25		1,572 47
1829	414	600	562 30	154 28		1,701 81
1830	486	600	567 91	99 25		1,755 82
1831	507	750	1,177 19	68 48		2,360 71
1832	383	864	1,107 36	197 55		3,033 58
1833	382	1,379	1,303 98	224 20		2,978 98
1834	393	1,090	1,278 20	223 29		2,977 59
1835	680	1,522	2,126 32	238 51		4,333 18
1836	867	1,845	2,286 74	250 70		5,110 80
1837	936	2,547	2,806 47	186 04		6,109 20
1838	1,003	2,471	3,115 72	423 91		7,477 99
1839	1,097	3,583	4,278 23	729 60		8,082 15
1840	501	390	1,995 19	615 42		7,071 17
1841	627	1,139	1,495 12	591 75		6,935 30
1842	308	1,252	2,179 79	670 77		5,567 70
1843	252	465	797 80	536 85		4,355 86
1844	387	745	708 35	271 25		3,959 20
1845	582	1,428	1,628 60	402 65		4,082 04
1846	609	1,883	2,072 59	500 34		5,044 61
1847	687	2,258	3,311 95	549 19		5,802 90
1848	681	2,276	3,392 71	445 52		6,286 21
1849	1,013	2,517	3,531 83	600 35		7,207 06
1850	1,116	1,865	2,608 63	286 72	3,000 00	10,691 95
1851	1,041	2,987	4,050 01	560 84		8,290 00
1852	1,293	4,346	4,786 35	889 67		9,931 72
1853	991	2,900	3,916 54	418 96		8,229 82
1854	1,216	2,400	3,019 07	381 26		9,691 95
1855-56	1,783	3,588	4,477 42	1,475 44		14,223 95
1856-57	1,088	1,621	1,384 21	661 10		10,453 95
1857-58	877	824	1,615 93	581 77		9,182 50
1858-59	969	3,040	3,537 80	521 53		9,509 59
1859-60	1,080	3,183	3,259 52	342 87	10,050 00	20,615 86
1860-61	1,109	2,827	3,141 37	318 62	50 00	11,249 19
1861-62	792	1,322	2,663 41	135 72	400 00	10,276 47
1862-63	803	4,581	3,358 70	817 03		12,711 21
1863-64	1,564	6,047	7,412 80	318 23		17,638 94
1864-65	2,830	7,408	10,420 81	586 60	4,000 00	29,146 81
1865-66	3,332	9,023	11,639 18	582 90	2,000 00	41,761 01
1866-67	2,825	10,090	12,479 11	1,000 45		40,380 36
1867-68	2,689	9,351	11,075 29	660 24	5,000 00	41,722 50
1868-69	2,434	12,024	13,092 98	593 75		38,014 82
1869-70	3,129	13,000	11,894 97	1,577 75		40,468 00
1870-71	2,379	12,210	10,831 01	1,414 70		42,258 81
1871-72	2,511	10,914	10,491 88	2,039 58		44,678 31
1872-73	2,004	6,919	6,631 26	2,298 85		38,869 46
1873-74	1,860	5,455	10,174 08	951 37	1,500 00	35,980 67
1874-75	1,850	9,062	10,387 00	591 50		34,657 83
1875-76	1,694	10,618	11,326 44	1,116 05	1,000 00	34,907 02
1876-77	1,584	10,198	10,307 24	1,189 24		35,094 76
1877-78	1,306	8,331	7,420 71	1,148 89	5,000 00	34,799 02
1878-79	1,254	7,027	6,949 38	739 84		27,357 53
1879-80	1,481	6,439	5,633 74	750 66		26,356 32
1880-81	1,195	4,446	4,951 56	736 91		23,582 95
1881-82	1,030	4,837	4,001 51	1,547 83		21,095 65
1882-83	976	5,220	3,578 99	1,426 12		22,022 52
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	68,637	196,001	\$268,305 46	\$37,073 82	\$34,480 75	\$929,672 54

[APPENDIX V.] CIRCULATION.

The following Table shows the number of books delivered annually from the 30th of April, 1859, to the 30th of April, 1883.
Prior to the former date there is no accurate record of the circulation of the Library.

YEAR.	Total issue.	Delivered at Main Library.	Delivered at Down Town Office.	Delivered at Other Branch Offices.	Delivered at Residence.	No. of Volumes Standard Literature delivered.	No. Volumes Fiction delivered.	No. of Volumes in Foreign Languages delivered.	Daily Average. The Figures in this col. prior to those for '67 are approximate only.	Largest Circulation in one day.	Date of last column.
1859-60	64,263	46,097	18,166						223		
1860-61	79,773	64,218	15,555						277		
1861-62	95,575	76,827	15,748						322		
1862-63	85,273	70,624	14,649						297		
1863-64	102,049	85,092	16,957						355		
1864-65	189,609	156,437	33,172						661		
1865-66	178,218	154,952	23,266			40,102	134,117	3,936	696		
1866-67	206,120	169,219	36,901			52,830	146,402	6,888	718		
1867-68	203,894	151,588	44,060		8,246	54,137	141,214	8,543	719	1,573	Aug. 10.
1868-69	210,066	156,558	45,080		8,428	52,203	130,916	6,947	742	1,346	Feb. 27.
1869-70	234,120	175,110	47,826		11,184	57,272	169,646	7,202	760	1,832	Feb. 19.
1870-71	269,034	184,780	53,012	19,360	11,882	81,519	172,522	14,943	879	1,727	Mar. 18.
1871-72	250,845	164,253	58,439	24,284	12,869	73,167	170,529	16,149	836	1,772	Jan. 20.
1872-73	239,553	163,696	51,378	12,153	12,306	62,489	159,889	17,155	780	1,647	Jan. 25.
1873-74	204,632	154,265	44,576		5,791	60,970	128,064	15,508	697	1,343	Jan. 24.
1874-75	203,145	154,368	46,355		2,422	58,584	127,735	16,766	670	1,467	Jan. 30.
1875-76	190,829	139,957	46,489		4,383	57,223	118,949	14,627	625	1,463	Mar. 18.
1876-77	188,850	137,327	46,087		5,436	56,601	120,287	11,962	619	1,506	Mar. 8.
1877-78	177,936	132,093	40,873		4,970	57,428	108,864	11,644	620	2,052	Aug. 11.
1878-79	158,799	126,308	28,545		3,946	62,525	85,323	10,951	518	975	Mar. 1.
1879-80	143,251	107,414	23,370	8,828	3,639	59,200	73,070	10,973	468	861	Mar. 6.
1880-81	156,671	117,145	25,477	11,344	2,705	59,997	82,690	12,984	512	1,036	Jan. 15.
1881-82	120,345	84,320	24,668	9,527	1,830	46,539	61,737	12,069	411	754	June 21.
1882-83	112,375	83,131	27,549		1,695	48,614	53,937	9,824	398	673	Feb. 24.

[APPENDIX VI.]

Book Account.

Number of volumes, April 30th, 1882.....		195,744
“ “ added this year by purchase....	4,877	
“ “ “ “ donation....	343	
	<u>5,220</u>	
French Books added.....	388	
German “	388	
Other Foreign Books added.....	41	
English Books added	<u>4,468</u>	
	5,220	
Folio and Quarto.....	346	
Octavo.....	1,056	
Duodecimo, etc.....	<u>8,818</u>	
	5,220	
On Theology.....	164	
“ Mental and Moral Sciences.....	65	
“ Political Science.....	204	
“ Natural Science.....	79	
“ Literature.....	955	
“ History, Geography and Travel.....	788	
“ Biography.....	366	
“ Mathematics.....	10	
“ Medicine.....	73	
“ Arts.....	223	
“ English Fiction.....	<u>2,293</u>	
	5,220	
Less Surplus and Imperfect Books sold.....	<u>2,106</u>	
		3,114
Total No. of Volumes, April 30th, 1883.....		198,858
Books added by Clinton Hall Association.....	3,399	
Pamphlets added.....	263	

[APPENDIX VII.]

Executive Force.

Librarian.

WM. T. PEOPLES.

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Assistant Cataloguer.

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THOS. CRINNIGAN.

Reading Room Attendant.

H. L. CRANE.

Superintendent of Branch Office.

JAMES H. WOOD.

Messengers.

JOHN GERDES.

WM. BROWN.

Janitor.

JOHN CRINNIGAN.

[APPENDIX VIII.]

LIST OF DONORS

TO THE

Mercantile Library Association,

For the Year ending April 30, 1883.

	VOLS.	PAM.
Abbott, Austin.....	1	1
Adams, Charles Francis, Jr., Quincy, Mass.....		1
Alumni Association of the Phila. College of Pharmacy....		3
American Antiquarian Society.....		
" Bible Society.....	1	8
" Colonization Society, Washington.....		
" Institute of Christian Philosophy.....	1	1
" New Church Tract and Publication Society.....		1
" Numismatic and Archæolog. Soc. of New York....		1
" Pharmaceutical Association.....	2	
" Philological Association.....		1
" Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals....		1
" Swedenborg Printing and Publishing Society....	12	
" Veterinary College.....		1
Astor Library.....		1
Babcock, W. H., Philadelphia.....	1	
Baldwin, O. S.....		1
Balfour, D. M., Boston, Mass.....	93	
Bell, Clark.....		1
Bigelow's Free Public Library.....		1
Boston College.....		1
" Public Library.....		5
Bradlee, C. D., Boston, Mass.....		5
Bridgeport Public Library.....		1
Brookline.....		1
Brooklyn (City of) Department of Health.....		1
Brown, Henry A.....		1
Buck, Jerome.....		1
Buffalo, Department of Education.....	1	
Caswell, Edward T., M. D., Providence, R. I.....		1
Childs, George W., Philadelphia, Pa.....		1
Christern, F. W.....		1

	VOLS.	PAM.
Cincinnati, (City of) Board of Education	1	
" Public Library		1
Clarke, Robert & Co., Cincinnati, O.	1	
Cleveland Public School Library		1
Cobden Club, London, Eng.	1	2
College of St. Francis Xavier		1
" " the City of New York		1
" " Holy Cross, Worcester		1
Cooper, Peter	1	
Cooper Union		1
Corbett, Prof. A.	1	
Cornell, Hon. A. B.	1	
Cornell University	1	2
Dalton, Jos. G., Boston, Mass.	1	
Davison, E. M.		1
Dedham Public Library		1
De Peyster, General J. W.	1	3
Deutsche Gesellschaft der Stadt New York		1
Deutscher Rechtsschutzverein		1
Dixwell, Geo. B., Boston, Mass.	2	
Dodge, Henry J., Chicago		1
Donnell, E. J.		5
Ellis, John, M. D.	1	1
Essex Institute, Salem, Mass.		2
Everett, Richard J.	1	
Fall River Public Library	1	1
Forrester, Geo. B.		1
Funk & Wagnalls	1	
Furman University, Greenville, S. C.		1
General Society of Mechanics and Tradesmen.		1
Georgia Historical Society, Savannah, Ga.		1
Gilbert, Frank, Chicago		1
Hadden, Alex., M. D.		1
Halifax Library Commissioners		1
Hallett, W. H., Brighton	1	
Hanford, A.	1	
Hartford Library Association		5
" Steam Boiler Inspection and Insurance Co	1	
Hartley, Robert Milham (family of)	1	
Harvard Club of New York	1	
" University		2
Harwood, Dr. Ed. C.		1
Hazard, Thos. R.	1	
Hawley, Goodrich & Co., Hartford, Conn.		1
Haynes, John Edwards	1	
Hebbert, James, Preston, Eng.	1	
Herbert, Major Sydney		1
Heurus, C. M., Hartford, Conn.	1	
Houghton, George	2	6
Inebriate's Home, Fort Hamilton		1
Isaacs, Meyer S.		1
Italy, Ministry of Agriculture	1	

	VOLS.	PAM.
Jacobi, A., M. D.....		1
Jaques & Marcus.....	2	
Jay, Hon. John.....	1	2
Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Md.....		2
Keppler & Schwarzmänn.....	1	
Knoth, Dr. Louis.....		3
Koehler, S. R., Philadelphia.....		1
Library Association of Portland.....		1
" Committee of Lancaster, Mass.....		1
" Company of Philadelphia.....		2
Lick Observatory, Mount Hamilton, Cal.....		1
Literary and Historical Society of Quebec.....	1	
Liverpool Public Library.....		1
Long Island Historical Society.....		1
Lowell City Library.....		1
Ludwig, Charles H.....	1	
Lynn Public Library.....		1
Lyon, James S., Buffalo.....		1
Manchester City Library.....		1
Manhattan Eye and Ear Hospital.....		1
Masonic Library, Salt Lake City, Utah.....	1	
McCook, Hon. Anson G.....	14	
Mercantile Library Company of Philadelphia.....		1
Milwaukee Public Library.....		1
Missouri Military Division Headquarters.....		1
" University.....	1	
Mitchell Library, Glasgow, Scotland.....		2
Mount Holyoke Female Seminary, South Hadley, Mass.....		2
Mount St. Mary's College, Emmittsburg, Md.....		1
Nash, H. S., M. D.....	1	
New Bedford Free Public Library.....		1
New Jersey State Library.....	3	
" " (State of) Geologist Report.....	1	
New York (City of) Board of Aldermen.....	5	
" " " Education.....	4	
" " " Police Justices.....		1
" " " Health Department.....		13
" (State of) Canal Department.....	1	
" " Secretary of State.....	1	
" " State Library.....	5	
" Academy of Science.....		6
" Bible Society.....		1
" Chamber of Commerce.....	2	
" City Colored Home and Hospital.....		1
" Dispensary.....		1
" Eastern Dispensary.....		1
" Hospital and Bloomingdale Asylum.....		1
" Institution for the Blind.....		2
" Medical College and Hospital for Women.....		2
" Produce Exchange.....	1	
" Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children.....		1
" " " Relief of the Rupt'd and Crippled.....		1

	VOLS.	PAM.
New York Western Dispensary.....		2
Newburyport Public Library.....		2
Newton Free Library.....		1
Odd Fellows Library Association of San Francisco.....		1
Ohio Mechanics Institute.....		3
" State Library.....	6	1
Paine, H. D., M. D.....		4
Peabody Institute of Baltimore, Md.....		1
" " Peabody, Mass.....		2
Peoria Public Library.....		4
Philadelphia Social Science Association.....		3
Porter, Fitz John, General, Morristown, N. J.....		1
Porter, John K.....	1	
Providence Athenæum.....		1
" Public Library.....		2
Rice, Mrs. R.....	1	
Romero, M., Washington, D. C.....	8	1
Roosevelt Hospital.....	1	
St. Louis Mercantile Library.....		1
" Public School Library.....		4
San Francisco Chamber of Commerce.....		1
" Free Public Library.....	1	1
" Mechanics' Institute.....		1
" Mercantile Library Association.....		1
Santa Clara College.....		1
Scherer, P. & Co.....	1	
Searing, Edward W.....		1
Sheltering Arms.....		2
Sheridan, P. H., Lieut. General.....		1
Sherman, William A.....	6	
Silk Association of America.....		1
Smith, W. L.....	1	
Smithsonian Institution.....	3	
Society for Improving Workingmen's Homes.....		1
" of Arts, London, Eng.....	2	
Springfield City Library Association.....		1
State Charities Aid Association.....		1
Sumner, Charles A., San Francisco, Cal.....		2
Swansea Public Library.....		1
Taunton Public Library.....		1
Theological Seminary, Andover, Mass.....		1
Thirteen Club, New York.....		1
Toledo Public Library.....		1
Trenwith, W. H.....		5
Trinity College, Hartford, Conn.....		1
Tuft's College, College Hill, Mass.....		2
Uhler, J. Clem.....		1
United States, Adjutant General.....		3
" Chief of Engineers. 2 Maps.....	6	1
" " Ordnance.....	1	
" " The Bureau of Statistics.....	1	15
" Coast and Geodetic Survey Office.....	1	

	VOLS.	PAM.
United States Commissioner of Education.....	2	11
“ “ Patents	11	
“ Navy Department	1	
“ Secretary of the Interior.....	71	1
“ “ State.....	29	
“ “ War.....	1	1
“ Superintendent of Naval Observatory.....	1	1
“ Treasury Department.....	7	
Université Laval, Quebec.....		1
University of Rochester.....		1
Unknown Friends.....	2	1
Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn.....		1
Washington Heights Library.....		1
Welsh, Herbert, Germantown, Philadelphia.....		1
Wilmington, Institute.....		1
Woman's Medical College of Pennsylvania.....		1
Worcester Public Library.....		1
Yale College.....		1
Young Men's Association of Buffalo.....		1
“ “ for Mutual Improvement, Albany.....		1

[APPENDIX IX.]

HONORARY MEMBERS
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[APPENDIX X.]

STATEMENT OF THE CONDITION**OF THE****Permanent Catalogue Fund.**

To the Board of Direction of the Mercantile Library :

Pursuant to the Articles creating the Permanent Catalogue Fund, I respectfully submit the following report of the moneys in my hands at the present date, belonging to said Fund.

Cash on hand as per last report,	-	-	\$2,331.89
Received from Mercantile Library May 2, '83,			480.00
Interest on \$1,699.15, Jan. 1, '80 to Jan. 1, '83,			214.34
Interest on \$632.74, from July 1, '80 to Jan. 1, '83,			65.80
Amount on hand,	-	-	<u>\$3,092.03</u>

A. W. SHERMAN,*Treasurer Permanent Catalogue Fund.***NEW YORK, May 3, 1883.**

[APPENDIX XI.]

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Sixty-Third Annual Report.

Fellow Members :

Custom, as well as the provisions of the Constitution require that at each annual meeting those who have been selected to manage the affairs of the Institution for the year shall make a report of its condition, and render an account of their management of the interests that have been confided to them

In the discharge of this duty on this occasion, it is with feelings of sincere pleasure that we are enabled to state, that the exhibit now to be presented is much more satisfactory than we dared hope for on assuming the trust one year ago.

Although the causes which have retarded the progress of all libraries, not in one section alone but in all parts of our country, still exist, it is our fortune to be able to show an increased business for the twelve months just ended, as compared with the last fiscal year. Considering the obstacles against which we are compelled to contend, this excess at this time is extremely gratifying.

BRANCHES.

It has frequently been stated by previous boards of direction, in addition to other causes very fully explained, that one of the drawbacks to our Library is its location.

Your Board early in the year determined to supplement the efforts made by the previous Board of Direction, and if possible

establish a Branch Library and Reading Room convenient and accessible to the residential portion of the city.

With the limited means at our command, we found it no easy task to obtain the quarters needed in a desirable location.

After diligent search, requiring considerable labor, the committee having the matter in charge, reported in favor of the site No. 431 Fifth Avenue, between 38th and 39th Streets.

Your Board approved the committee's selection, and thereupon leased the premises for a period of three years at an annual rent of \$2,500.

The place was opened for business on the first of September last.

During the eight months this Branch has been open, 509 new members have joined there: 310 members have transferred their accounts from the Main Library, which, together with 152 Clinton Hall stockholders that have transferred their accounts, makes the total number of persons who have availed themselves of the privileges of this Branch 971.

The total circulation was 19,227 volumes. The largest daily circulation was 245 volumes, April 26th, 1884. The Reading Room and Reference Library, in connection with this Branch, have proved very popular features, and we think this popularity will increase as the advantages offered become more fully known.

DOWN TOWN BRANCH.

Our lease of the premises at No. 2 Liberty Place expired on the 1st of May last. In consequence of the building having been sold for the purpose of transforming it into a Real Estate Exchange, we were unable to obtain another lease.

We have succeeded in obtaining what we consider very desirable quarters at No. 62 Liberty Street, Room 5, situated on the second floor of the building. The rental is \$475 per year, the same as was paid for the room vacated.

The number of books distributed from this Office during the year was 25,732 volumes.

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MEMBERSHIP.

Total number of Members on April 30th, 1883, as per last Annual Report, was	3,136
Active Members added during the year.....	321
Subscribing " " " " " "	1,026
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Active Members' accounts closed by Constitution,	461
Subscribing " " " " " "	655
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	1,116
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Increase during the year.....	231
Number of Active Members, April 30, 1884.....	1,702
" Subscribing " " " " " "	1,665
" Honorary " " " " " "	73
" Editors using Library " " " " " "	50
" Clinton Hall Stockholders	1,701
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Total number of persons entitled to use the Library, April 30th, 1884..... 5,191

A comparison of the above figures with the Membership of last year shows that 366 more persons joined the Library this year than last year, and that while the last Annual Report showed a decrease in Membership of 280, we this year report a net increase of 231.

It is the opinion of your Board that this result is largely due to the opening of the Branch Library on Fifth Avenue.

CIRCULATION.

The total number of volumes circulated during the year was 126,089, distributed as follows :

From the Main Library.....	79,066
" " Down Town Branch.....	25,732
" " Fifth Avenue "	19,227
By messenger at Members' residences.....	2,064
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	126,089
The number of volumes of Fiction circulated was.....	63,532
Standard Literature.....	49,944
Books in Foreign Languages.....	12,613
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	126,089

The daily average circulation was 413 volumes.

The largest daily circulation was 878 volumes, on March 15th, 1884.

The smallest daily circulation was 230 volumes, on July 12th, 1883.

The number of books used for reference, exclusive of the use of the books permanently kept in the Reference Department, was 14,657 volumes.

The number of Magazines circulated was 3,560.

2,948 notices were sent to members to return books retained overtime.

The total number of books circulated is 13,714 volumes greater than the total circulation of last year.

It is well known to all those who make use of the Reference Department of our Library, that the several thousand of purely reference books contained therein are accessible at all times, while the Library is open, to the members, without their having to order them through the desk clerks.

The record of the extent to which these books have been used has never been taken, and consequently has never appeared as part of our daily business.

The use of these books at times reaches as high as several hundred volumes per day. Estimating the average use per day at 75 volumes, which we believe to be a very low estimate, we shall have for the year about 25,000 volumes.

If we add this number to the figures given above as our total circulation, it will be seen that the actual use of our books for the year exceeds 150,000 volumes.

LIBRARY.

The total number of volumes in the Library is 203,150.

The total accessions during the year was 5,853 volumes. Of this number, 5,574 was acquired by purchase and 279 by donation. The number of duplicate books sold, together with the lost and imperfect books withdrawn from the Library, amount to 1,561 volumes.

Deducting this number from the gross accessions makes the net increase for the year 4,292 volumes. 3,325 volumes have received the attention of the binder during the year.

FINANCE.

The Treasurer's Report, read this evening, shows that our total income for the year from all sources was \$26,681.06.

The total expenditure was \$24,638.05.

The amount expended for books and periodicals was \$4,751.93, which, together with \$3,671.57 spent by Clinton Hall Association, makes the total amount expended for books \$8,423.50. We are pleased to state that the sum of \$14,875, which for some length of time has been on deposit with the Farmers' Loan and Trust Company at 3 per cent. interest, has been loaned on Real Estate at 5 per cent.

Our investments are as follows :

Bond and Mortgage on House and Lot No. 58 7th Street, Brooklyn, at 6 per cent.....	\$4,000
Bond and Mortgage on House and Lot No. 448 Pearl Street, New York, at 5 per cent.....	15,000
I. G. Everett Fund, deposited in Institution for Savings of Merchants' Clerks, 4 per cent.....	1,000

DONATIONS.

279 books and 300 pamphlets have been donated to us during the year.

Our thanks have been tendered to the donors for these evidences of their consideration. A list of the donations, with the names of the donors, will appear as an appendix to this report.

It gives us pleasure to announce that our collection of statuary has been increased by the donation, on the part of Mr. James Chambers, of a bust in plaster of the poet Robert Burns, and through Mrs. M. Garland, of a marble bust of the late John W. Stebbins, an ex-Officer of our Association. Our archives show that Mr. Stebbins became a member of the Board of Direction in the year 1827, five years after the Library was founded.

At that time the Library had less than four hundred members, and possessed only 3,200 volumes.

He continued to be connected with the management of the Library until the end of the year 1833, having served for three terms as the Presiding Officer of the Board of Directors and President of the Association. At the annual meeting held January 9th, 1838, as a mark of appreciation of the services rendered to the Library by Mr. Stebbins, the following action was taken: "*Resolved*, That we will erect a tablet to the memory of John W. Stebbins (our late lamented member), inscribing on it, in as brief a manner as possible, his services whilst administering the affairs of this Association; that a Committee of ten Members of the Association be appointed by the Board of Directors to carry into effect the resolution."

This tablet was procured and now adorns the walls of our present Reading Room.

The correspondence relating to the transfer of these gifts will appear as an appendix.

CLINTON HALL.

As will be seen by reference to the reports of the President and Treasurer of Clinton Hall, they have added to the Library during the year 2,541 volumes. The sum appropriated for the purchase of these books was \$3,671.57.

Our thanks are due to the gentlemen composing the Board of Trustees for the consideration and liberality which has marked their course toward your Board during the past year.

Our request for assistance in maintaining the Fifth Avenue Branch was heartily and readily acceded to, and we have received from them very substantial aid for this object.

Upon the recommendation of the Librarian, they have replaced the old fire extinguishers, five in number, with new ones of the latest and most approved pattern.

BOOK DELIVERY.

Last year's Board of Directors, extended the limits of delivering books from 60th Street to all residences or places of business in any part of the city below 80th Street.

In order to still more popularize this branch of our service, your Board reduced the price of delivery from ten to five cents.

We regret that the result has not been what we anticipated and hoped for.

While the number of deliveries has increased from 1,695, which was the number last year, to 2,064, the increase was not sufficient to make good the loss in receipts occasioned by the reduction of the price.

The price of postal orders, notifying members when they can obtain the books that they desire, has been reduced to two cents.

The following is the Report of the Committee appointed to examine the books and other property of the Association.

NEW YORK, April 10th, 1884.

To the President and Board of Directors of the Mercantile Library :

GENTLEMEN : Your Committee have examined the books and property of the Association, contained in the rooms of the Library, and have found the same, under the competent management of Mr. William T. Peoples your Librarian, well cared for, well administered, and (so far as the inadequate accommodation offered by their present quarters will allow) well and systematically arranged.

Owing to lack of space in the Reference Department, bound files of newspapers have for some time past been kept in the attic, and when the demand for them is active, much time is lost and additional clerical force is required to bring them from so distant a point. As a partial remedy for this, your Committee would suggest that the room formerly occupied by the Librarian

as an office, be used as a place of deposit for those volumes most frequently asked for.

In view of the ever present danger of the total destruction of the contents of Clinton Hall by fire, it is important that the Association should provide a place of safety for its manuscript catalogues (which constitute a complete schedule of its property in books), in order to prove a loss and recover insurance when it may be necessary, and as the fire-proof safe now in use is not large enough to permit of any addition to its contents, the purchase of another is recommended.

WILLIAM A. SHERMAN,
EDMUND COFFIN,
WILLIAM H. GUION, JR.

In addition to perfecting and improving our public Card Catalogue, we have issued during the year two bulletins of the new books that have been added to the Library.

One of these bulletins contained a list of works possessed by the Library on the subject of Free Trade and Protection ; also, Capital, Labor, The Wages Question and Political Economy generally.

We have observed during the year an increased demand for works on the above-named subjects, and this list was prepared to meet that demand and facilitate the use of the books. Although the preparation of these semi-annual bulletins has required increased labor on the part of the Librarian and his assistants, the work has been done without calling in the aid of any extra help.

With the presentation of the above statement, ends the duties required of us by our organic law.

Before concluding, we wish to state that we relinquish our trust, and leave our Institution at the beginning of another fiscal year, absolutely free from debt, each and all obligations have been met and cancelled.

Although our business has not reached the proportions that we

all are so anxious to see, nevertheless we consider our healthy financial condition, coupled with the fact that no backward step has been taken in our development, a sufficient cause for congratulation.

On behalf of the Board.

ALEX. M. EAGLESON,
President.

Annual Meeting.

The Sixty-third Annual Meeting of the Mercantile Library Association was held in the room of the Board of Directors on Tuesday evening, May 13th, 1884.

The chair was occupied by the President, Mr. ALEXANDER M. EAGLESON.

Mr. GRAHAM, the Secretary, read the minutes of the last Annual Meeting.

No objection being made, they were declared approved.

The Treasurer's Report was read by the Secretary, and, upon motion, adopted.

The Secretary also read the Reports of the President and Treasurer of Clinton Hall Association, which, upon motion, were received and ordered to be printed with the Annual Report.

The Report of the Treasurer of the Permanent Catalogue Fund was read and ordered to be printed with the Annual Report.

The President read the Sixty-third Annual Report of the Association, which was accepted and ordered to be printed for distribution among the members.

Mr. SAMUEL PUTNAM offered the following :

Resolved, That the thanks of the members of the Mercantile Library Association be tendered to the officers and members of the Board of Directors for the manner in which they have conducted the affairs of the Association during the year. Adopted.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

J. L. GRAHAM,
Secretary.

APPENDIXES
TO
ANNUAL REPORT.

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[APPENDIX I.]

TREASURER'S REPORT

OF THE
MERCANTILE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION,
For the Year ending April 30th, 1884.

RECEIPTS.

Balance, April 30, 1883.....	\$3,235 72
Initiation Fees.....	1,332 00
Semi-Annual Dues.....	12,895 00
Duplicate Accounts.....	808 50
Amount received for Extra Books and Fines.....	2,546 72
Catalogues.....	50 75
Duplicate Books.....	774 09
Interest.....	648 15
Delivery of Books.....	140 40
Old Paper.....	87 04
Clinton Hall Association	4,047 60
Permanent Catalogue Fund Interest.....	115 09
Farmers' Loan and Trust Company.....	14,875 00
	<u>\$41,556 06</u>

EXPENDITURES.

Books.....	\$2,898 47
Periodicals.....	1,853 46
Light.....	1,207 80
Salaries.....	6,999 78
Incidentals.....	853 73
Liberty Street Branch Office.....	1,730 26
Insurance.....	443 31
Binding.....	1,230 65
Catalogues.....	722 40
Book Delivery.....	313 30
Stationery.....	1,100 86
Advertising.....	329 82
Fifth Avenue Branch Office.....	4,207 03
Fixtures.....	222 18
Permanent Catalogue Fund.....	400 00
Bond and Mortgage.....	15,000 00
	<u>\$39,513 05</u>
Balance, Lincoln National Bank.....	2,043 01
	<u>\$41,556 06</u>

[**APPENDIX II.**]

ANNUAL REPORT,
OF THE
President of Clinton Hall Association.

NEW YORK, May 13, 1884.

To the President and Directors of the Mercantile Library Association :

GENTLEMEN: I present herewith the report of the Treasurer for the year ending 1st of May.

The property of the Association is in satisfactory condition and appreciating in value.

Very respectfully,

ISAAC H. BAILEY,
President.

[APPENDIX III.]

ANNUAL REPORT

OF

M. C. D. BORDEN, Treasurer

Clinton Hall Association.

May, 1884.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand, May, 1883.....	\$4,246 19
Rents collected, less repairs, expenses, &c.....	16,854 27
Bond and Mortgage, E. W. Barstow, paid.....	14,000 00
Interest.....	552 81
	\$35,653 27

EXPENDITURES.

Books.....	\$3,671 57
Binding.....	615 10
Coal.....	350 50
General Repairs.....	190 74
Janitor.....	399 96
Interest.....	4,850 00
Taxes.....	3,503 70
United States Trust Company, on account 37th Street	
Mortgage.....	14,000 00
Mercantile Safe Deposit Company.....	40 00

MERCANTILE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION.

On Account Rent Liberty Street Branch.....	237 50
" " Fifth Avenue " 	2,500 00
Cleaning, Lighting, &c.....	125 00
Clerical Services.....	500 00
Printing Annual Report.....	70 00

	\$31,054 07
Cash on hand, May, 1884.....	\$4,599 20
	\$35,653 27

M. C. D. BORDEN,
Treasurer.

NEW YORK, May 13th, 1884.

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INSURANCE.

On Building	\$75,000 00
" Books.....	68,000 00
" Furniture.....	13,000 00
	<u>\$154,000 00</u>

BOOKS ADDED DURING THE YEAR, 2,541 VOLUMES,

CLASSIFIED AS FOLLOWS :

On Theology.....	105
" Mental and Moral Science.....	61
" Political Science	97
" Literature.....	208
" History, Geography and Travels.....	350
" Biography.....	212
" Mathematics.....	3
" Natural Science	49
" Medical Science.....	27
" Art.....	117
" Fiction.....	1,318
	<u>2,541</u>
Previous Purchases.....	<u>89,702</u>
Total number of volumes added by Clinton Hall Association	<u>42,243</u>

M. C. D. BORDEN,
Treasurer.

NEW YORK, May 13th, 1884.

[APPENDIX IV.]

ANNUAL ADDITIONS OF MEMBERS AND BOOKS.

Expenditures for Books Total Receipts, etc., from the 9th of November, 1820, to the 1st of May, 1884.

YEARS.	No. of Mem- bers who have joined the Library.	No. of Vols. acquired by purchase & donation.	Amount Ex- pended for Books and Periodicals.	Amount Ex- pended for Binding.	Donations received.	Total Receipts.
1820-21	264	1,000	\$600 00		\$600 00	\$900 00
1822	76	250	273 00		150 00	510 00
1823	81	100	150 00		250 00	726 60
1824	77	175	208 00			712 23
1825	257	675	619 00	\$73 00	795 00	1,469 00
1826	471	1,000	756 72	190 28		2,246 42
1827	360	1,200	695 12	31 38		1,750 52
1828	295	1,000	330 27	146 25		1,572 47
1829	414	600	562 30	154 28		1,701 81
1830	486	600	567 91	99 25		1,755 82
1831	507	750	1,177 19	68 48		2,360 71
1832	383	864	1,107 36	197 55		3,033 58
1833	382	1,379	1,303 98	224 20		2,978 98
1834	393	1,090	1,278 20	223 29		2,977 59
1835	680	1,522	2,126 32	238 51		4,333 18
1836	867	1,845	2,286 74	250 70		5,110 80
1837	936	2,547	2,806 47	186 04		6,109 20
1838	1,003	2,471	3,115 72	423 91		7,477 99
1839	1,097	3,583	4,278 23	729 60		8,082 15
1840	501	390	1,995 19	615 42		7,071 17
1841	627	1,139	1,495 12	591 75		6,935 30
1842	308	1,252	2,179 79	670 77		5,567 70
1843	252	465	797 80	536 85		4,355 86
1844	387	745	708 35	271 25		3,959 20
1845	582	1,428	1,628 60	402 65		4,082 04
1846	609	1,883	2,072 59	500 34		5,044 61
1847	687	2,258	3,311 95	549 19		5,902 90
1848	681	2,276	3,392 71	445 52		6,286 21
1849	1,013	2,517	3,531 83	600 35		7,207 06
1850	1,116	1,865	2,638 63	286 72	3,000 00	10,691 95
1851	1,041	2,957	4,050 01	560 84		8,290 00
1852	1,293	4,346	4,786 35	889 67		9,931 72
1853	991	2,900	3,916 54	418 96		8,929 82
1854	1,216	2,400	3,019 07	381 26		9,691 95
1855-56	1,783	3,588	4,477 42	1,475 44		14,223 95
1856-57	1,088	1,521	1,384 21	661 10		10,453 95
1857-58	877	824	1,615 93	581 77		9,182 50
1858-59	969	3,040	3,537 80	521 53		9,509 59
1859-60	1,080	3,183	3,259 52	342 87	10,050 00	20,615 86
1860-61	1,109	2,827	3,141 37	318 62	50 00	11,249 19
1861-62	792	1,322	2,663 41	135 72	400 00	10,276 47
1862-63	803	4,581	3,358 70	817 03		12,711 21
1863-64	1,564	6,047	7,412 80	318 23		17,638 94
1864-65	2,830	7,408	10,420 81	586 60	4,000 00	29,146 81
1865-66	3,332	9,023	11,639 18	582 90	2,000 00	41,761 01
1866-67	2,825	10,090	12,479 11	1,000 45		40,380 36
1867-68	2,689	9,351	11,075 29	660 24	5,000 00	41,722 50
1868-69	2,434	12,024	13,092 98	593 75		38,014 82
1869-70	3,129	13,000	11,894 97	1,577 75		40,468 00
1870-71	2,379	12,210	10,831 01	1,414 70		42,258 81
1871-72	2,511	10,914	10,491 88	2,039 58		44,678 31
1872-73	2,004	6,919	6,631 26	2,298 85		38,869 46
1873-74	1,860	5,455	10,174 08	951 37	1,500 00	35,980 67
1874-75	1,850	9,082	10,387 00	591 50		34,657 83
1875-76	1,694	10,618	11,326 44	1,116 05	1,000 00	34,907 02
1876-77	1,584	10,198	10,307 24	1,189 24		35,094 76
1877-78	1,306	8,331	7,420 71	1,148 89	5,000 00	34,799 02
1878-79	1,254	7,027	6,949 38	739 84		27,357 53
1879-80	1,481	6,439	5,633 74	750 66		26,356 32
1880-81	1,195	4,446	4,951 56	736 91		23,582 55
1881-82	1,030	4,537	4,001 51	1,547 83		21,095 65
1882-83	976	5,220	3,578 99	1,426 12		22,022 52
1883-84	1,347	5,853	4,751 93	1,230 15		26,681 06
	70,048	246,830	\$272,627 29	\$38,313 95	\$34,680 75	\$935,453 80

[APPENDIX V.] CIRCULATION.

The following Table shows the number of books delivered annually from the 30th of April, 1859, to the 30th of April, 1884. Prior to the former date there is no accurate record of the circulation of the Library.

YEAR.	Total Issue.	Delivered at Main Library.	Delivered at Down Town Office.	Delivered at Other Branch Offices.	Delivered at Residence.	No. of Volumes Standard Literature delivered.	No. of Volumes Fiction delivered.	No. of Volumes in Foreign Languages delivered.	Daily Average. The Figures in this col. prior to those for '67 are approximate only.	Largest Circulation in one day.	Date of last column.
1859-60	64,263	46,097	18,166			40,102	134,117	3,936	923		Aug. 10.
1860-61	79,773	64,218	15,555		8,246	52,830	146,402	6,888	977	1,573	Feb. 27.
1861-62	95,575	76,897	18,678		8,438	62,203	150,916	6,947	977	1,346	Feb. 19.
1862-63	85,973	70,654	15,319		11,184	57,272	160,646	7,202	977	1,832	Mar. 18.
1863-64	109,549	88,052	21,497		12,869	81,519	172,522	14,943	977	1,727	Jan. 30.
1864-65	126,609	106,437	20,172		12,806	73,167	170,629	16,149	977	1,647	Jan. 25.
1865-66	178,218	154,352	23,866		5,791	62,489	150,880	17,155	977	1,772	Jan. 24.
1866-67	206,130	169,219	36,901		4,383	60,970	128,064	15,908	977	1,343	Jan. 30.
1867-68	203,894	151,568	44,060		2,422	58,584	127,795	16,766	977	1,467	Jan. 18.
1868-69	210,966	156,538	45,080		5,436	56,601	118,949	14,927	977	1,463	Mar. 3.
1869-70	234,130	175,110	47,826		4,970	57,428	108,864	11,644	977	2,052	Aug. 11.
1870-71	269,004	184,780	63,012	19,360	3,946	62,525	88,323	10,951	977	1,975	Mar. 1.
1871-72	280,845	164,253	58,439	24,284	3,639	59,309	75,070	10,973	977	1,861	Jan. 6.
1872-73	239,533	163,696	51,878	12,153	2,705	59,997	82,690	13,984	977	1,036	Jan. 15.
1873-74	204,632	154,265	44,576		1,830	46,539	61,737	12,069	977	754	June 21.
1874-75	203,145	154,368	46,355		1,695	46,614	63,937	9,824	977	878	Feb. 24.
1875-76	190,829	139,937	46,489		2,064	49,944	63,532	12,613	977		Mar. 15.
1876-77	188,850	137,327	46,087								
1877-78	177,906	132,093	40,873								
1878-79	158,709	126,308	28,545	8,828							
1879-80	143,251	107,414	23,370	11,344							
1880-81	136,671	117,145	25,477	9,527							
1881-82	120,345	84,320	24,668								
1882-83	112,375	83,131	27,549								
1883-84	126,089	79,066	25,732	19,227							

[APPENDIX VI.]

Book Account.

Number of volumes, April 30th, 1883.....		198,858
“ “ added this year by purchase ...	5,574	
“ “ “ “ donation.....	279	
	<hr/>	5,853
French Books added.....	325	
German “	355	
Other Foreign Books added.....	15	
English Books added....	5,158	
	<hr/>	5,853
Folio and Quarto.....	424	
Octavo.....	1,390	
Duodecimo, etc.....	4,039	
	<hr/>	5,853
On Theology.....	201	
“ Mental and Moral Sciences.....	131	
“ Political Science.....	288	
“ Natural Science.....	106	
“ Literature.....	780	
“ History, Geography and Travels.....	710	
“ Biography.....	390	
“ Mathematics.....	5	
“ Medicine.....	96	
“ Arts.....	288	
“ English Fiction.....	2,858	
	<hr/>	5,853
Less Surplus and Imperfect Books sold.....	1,561	
	<hr/>	4,292
Total No. of Volumes, April 30th, 1884.....		203,150
Books added by Clinton Hall Association.....	2,541	
Pamphlets added.....	300	

[APPENDIX VII.]

Executive Force.

Librarian,

WM. T. PEOPLES.

Assistant Librarian.

T. J. TITUS.

Assistant Cataloguer.

CHARLES BRUN.

Book-Keeper and Cashier.

T. J. McSTRAVICK.

Desk Clerks.

CHAS. COX

H. A. LONG.

Collector.

THOS. CRINNIGAN.

Reading Room Attendant.

JOHN J. McSTRAVICK.

Superintendents of Branches.

JAMES H. WOOD.

JOHN J. O'BRIEN.

Messengers.

JOHN GERDES.

THOS. DNIGNAN.

Janitor.

JOHN CRINNIGAN.

[APPENDIX VIII.]

LIST OF DONORS

TO THE

Mercantile Library Association,

For the Year ending April 30, 1884.

	VOLS.	PAM.
Acton, Thomas C.	1	
Adams, Charles Francis, Jr., Quincy, Mass.	1	
American Academy of Medicine.		5
" Antiquarian Society.		3
" Bible Society.		1
" Geographical Society of New York.	11	2
" Numismatic and Archæological Society.	1	
" Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.		1
" Veterinary College.		1
Andover Theological Seminary.		1
Astor Library.		1
Baker, Wm. E. S., Philadelphia.	1	
Baldwin, O. S.	1	1
Balfour, David M., Boston.	9	
Baltimore Peabody Institute.	1	1
Boston Public Library.	1	5
Bradlee, C. D., Boston.		4
Bradstreet Company.	1	2
Bridgton Academy.	1	
Brookline, Mass., Public Library.		1
Brooklyn (City of) Superintendent of Public Instruction.	1	
" " Library.		2
" " Woman's Dispensary and Hospital.		1
Buffalo " Young Men's Library.	1	
Carter, James C.	1	
Chicago Public Library.		1
Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce and Merchants' Exchange.	1	
" Common Schools.	1	
" Public Library.	1	4
" St. Xavier College.		1
" Young Men's Mercantile Library Association.		1
Cleveland Public Library.	1	1
Cobden Club.	1	

	VOLS.	PAM.
Cooper Union.....		1
Croes, J. James R.....	1	
Danvers, Peabody Institute.....		1
Dayton, Charles N.....	1	
De Peyster, General J. W., Tivoli, Dutchess C'y.....	1	
Deutsche Gesellschaft der Stadt New York.....		2
Deutscher Rechtsschutz-Verein.....		1
Dixwell, George Basil, Boston.....	1	
Drawbaugh Telephone and Telegraph Co.....		1
Druilhet, I. A.....	3	
Edmands, John, Philadelphia.....	1	
Ellis, John, M. D., Edgewater.....		1
Engler, Edmund A., St. Louis.....		2
Essex Institute, Salem, Mass.....		1
Feuarent, Gaston L.....	1	
Francis, Samuel W., M. D., Newport.....	2	1
Gerard, James W.....		5
Germantown, Friends' Free Library and Reading Room....		2
Gibney, V. P., M. D.....	1	
Goebel, Dr. Julius.....	1	
Guthrie, Malcolm, Liverpool, Eng.....	1	
Guyot, Arnold.....		1
Halifax, Joint Libraries.....		1
Hanford, August.....	1	
Hartford Steam Boiler Inspection and Insurance Co.....	1	
" Trinity College.....		1
Harvard Club of New York City.....	1	
" University.....		3
Hawkins, Dexter A.....		1
Helleberg, C. G., Cincinnati.....	1	
Hewitt, Hon. Abram S.....	1	
Hull, John Henry, Brooklyn.....		1
Indian Rights Association.....		1
Indianapolis Board of School Commissioners.....		1
Inebriates' Home, Fort Hamilton.....		1
Iowa State Library.....	1	
Italy, Ministry of Agriculture.....	1	
Jacobi, Abraham, M. D.....		1
Kansas (State of) Board of Agriculture.....	1	
Keppler & Schwarzmanna.....	3	
Kiddle, Henry, A. M.....	1	
Kingsley, William C.....	1	
Konvalinka, I. G., Astoria.....	1	1
Lancaster, Mass., Library Committee.....		1
Lathrop, George Parsons.....	1	
Lawrence, Richard Hoe.....		1
Lester, C. Edwards.....	1	
Lexington, Washington and Lee University.....		1
Liverpool, Free Public Library, Museum, etc.....		1
London, Society of Arts, etc.....	1	
Long Island Historical Society.....		1
Ludlow, Thomas W., Yonkers.....		1

	VOLS.	PAM.
Lynn, Mass., Public Library.....		1
McCook, Hon. Anson G.....	8	
Macmillan, A. K.....	2	
Manchester, N. H., City Library.....		1
Manhattan Eye and Ear Hospital.....		1
May, George Thomas.....	2	
Meade, George, Philadelphia.....	1	
Merriam, Augustus C.....	1	
Metcalf, L. S.....	4	46
Middlesex Mechanics' Association, Lowell, Mass.....		1
Nagle, John T.....		1
Neimyer, W. G.....	2	5
New Bedford, Free Public Library.....		1
New Jersey, State Geologist.....	1	
" " Library.....	3	
New York (City of) Board of Aldermen.....	5	
" " " Education.....	4	
" " " Police Justices.....	1	
" " " Trade and Transportation.....	1	
" " " Commission to Select and Locate Lands for Public Parks.....	1	
" " " Fire Department.....	1	
" " " Health Department.....		24
" (State of) Canal Department.....	1	
" " Executive Chamber.....	1	
" " Secretary of State.....	43	
" " State Library.....	1	
" Academy of Sciences.....		7
" Anti-Monopoly League.....		1
" Apprentices' Library.....		1
" Arcade Railway.....		2
" Asso'n for Improving the Condition of the Poor..		1
" Chamber of Commerce.....	1	
" Civil Service Commission.....		1
" College of the City of.....		1
" Colored Home and Hospital.....		1
" Dispensary.....		2
" Electric Medical College.....		1
" Free Circulating Library.....		1
" General Society of Mechanics and Tradesmen...	1	1
" Home for Incurables.....		1
" Hospital and Bloomingdale Asylum.....		1
" Institution for the Blind.....		2
" Loan Relief Association.....		1
" Meteorological Observatory of the Department of Public Parks.....		1
" Produce Exchange.....	2	
" Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children		1
" " " Reformation of Juvenile Delinquents.....		2
" " " Relief of the Rupt'd and Crippled		1
" Woman's Medical College of the N. Y. Infirmary.		1

	VOLS.	PAM.
New York Young Men's Christian Association.....		2
Newburyport Public Library.....		1
Newport Natural History Society.....		1
Newton Free Library.....		1
Norvell, D. R., New Brighton.....		1
Oakland, Cal., Superintendent of Public Schools.....		1
Ohio Mechanics' Institute.....		2
" State Library.....	4	1
Paine, Henry D., M. D.....		2
Perkins, Fred. B., San Francisco.....		1
Philadelphia Apprentices' Library Company.....		1
" College of Pharmacy, Alumni Association.....		1
" Library Company.....		2
" Mercantile Library Company.....		6
" Social Science Association.....		2
" Woman's Medical College of Pennsylvania.....		1
Phillips, Henry, Jr., A. M., P. D., Philadelphia.....	1	
Polytechnic Society of Kentucky.....		1
Poole, William F., Chicago.....		1
Porter, General Fitz-John, Morristown, N. J.....	1	1
Providence Athenæum.....		1
" Public Library.....		1
Pychowska, Mrs. L. D., Hoboken.....	1	
Quebec, Literary and Historical Society.....		1
Ranney, Ambrose L., A. M., M. D.....	1	
Roberts, Milton Josiah, M. D.....		1
Rochester University.....		1
Romero, M., Washington, D. C.....	29	7
St. Louis, Mercantile Library Association.....		1
" " Public School Library.....		2
San Francisco, Chamber of Commerce.....		1
" " Free Public Library.....		1
" " Mercantile Library Association.....		1
" " Odd Fellows' Library.....		1
" " St. Ignatius College.....		1
Santa Clara College.....		1
Shannon, R. C.....	1	
Sheltering Arms.....		2
Slocum, Charles E., Defiance, O.....	1	
Smithmeyer, J. L., Washington, D. C.....		1
Smithsonian Institution.....	7	2
State Penitentiary for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.....		1
Stuart, Mrs. Robert L.....	1	
Terre Haute, Ind., Rose Polytechnical Institute.....		1
Thurber, F. B.....		1
Todd, David P., Amhurst.....	1	
Toledo Public Library.....		2
Tompkins, F.....		1
Tufts' College, College Hill, Mass.....		1
United Hebrew Charities.....		1
United States Census Office.....	1	
" " Chief of Engineers.....	4	

	VOLS.	PAM.
United States Chief of Ordnance.....	1	
“ “ “ “ the Bureau of Statistics.....		10
“ “ “ Signal Officer.....	2	1
“ “ Coast and Geodetic Survey.....	2	
“ “ Commissioner of Education.....	2	10
“ “ “ Patents.....	18	
“ “ Department of Justice.....	4	
“ “ Library of Congress.....		1
“ “ Life Saving Service.....	1	
“ “ Naval Observatory.....	1	
“ “ Secretary of State.....	18	6
“ “ “ the Interior.....	20	
“ “ “ Treasury.....	3	
“ “ “ War.....	1	
“ “ Surgeon-General.....	1	1
Unkown Friends.....	2	2
Vacaville Normal and Scientific School.....		1
Vincent, Frank, Jr.....	3	
Vinton, Alfred, Princeton.....		1
Voorhis, Peter.....		1
Weisse, John A.....	2	
Whiton, Louis Claude.....		2
Wilmington Institute.....		1
Worcester Free Public Library.....		2
Yale College.....		3

[APPENDIX IX.]

HONORARY MEMBERS

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Mercantile Library Association.

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Hon. Charles Francis Adams
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[APPENDIX X.]

STATEMENT OF THE CONDITION
OF THE
Permanent Catalogue Fund.

NEW YORK, May 5th, 1884.

To the Board of Directors of the Mercantile Library Association :

GENTLEMEN :—Pursuant to the Articles creating the Permanent Catalogue Fund, I respectfully submit the following report of the moneys in my hands at the present date belonging to said Fund :

Cash on hand, as per last report.. .. .	\$3,092 03
Interest accrued to January 1, 1884.....	115 09
Received from Mercantile Library, May 5, 1884,	
balance due to this Fund.....	400 00
	\$3,607 12

Paid January 30, 1884, to the Mercantile Library,	
by order of its Board, the interest on the Fund	
for the year 1883.....	\$115 09

Cash on hand.....	\$3,492 03
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\$1,913 49 in Institution for the Savings of Merchants' Clerks.
1,578 54 " Citizens' Savings Bank.

\$3,492 03

Very respectfully,

A. W. SHERMAN,
Treasurer.

[APPENDIX XI.]

CORRESPONDENCE.

NEW YORK, February 25, 1884.

A. WETMORE, JR.,

President of the Mercantile Library Association of the City of New York.

DEAR SIR :—We would like to present to your Association a bust of John W. Stebbins, one of your earlier Presidents, who has been honorably remembered in the history of the Institution. The work is in marble, made in Rome by his sister, Miss Emma Stebbins, and has been approved as a work of art and for its resemblance to the original. Should you think proper to accept it, after judging of its merits, and will assign to it a place in your public hall or rooms, we should be pleased to place it at your disposal.

Very respectfully, yours,

MRS. M. GARLAND.

20 West 16th Street.

MERCANTILE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION, }
 NEW YORK, February 27th, 1884. }

MADAM :—Your communication of the 25th instant has been received, and on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Mercantile Library Association, I am requested to express their thanks for the honor your gift will bestow upon our Institution.

The memory of our early officers is endeared to us by the knowledge of their earnest efforts in behalf of the success of the Library.

It will afford our Committee great pleasure to confer with you upon the reception of the gift at your convenience, kindly suggesting that any evening would be at our command.

Very respectfully, AUG'S WETMORE, JR.,
Chairman Art Committee.

To MRS. M. GARLAND,

20 West 16th Street, New York City.

MERCANTILE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION, }
 NEW YORK, April 24th, 1884. }

Mrs. M. Garland :

DEAR MADAM :—It affords me great pleasure, on behalf of the Board of Directors and of the Members of the Mercantile Library

Association, to acknowledge the donation of a bust of the late John W. Stebbins, the fifth President of the Association. The gift of this bust recalls the efforts and labors of Mr. Stebbins for the welfare of our Institution in its infancy.

The tablet which now adorns the walls of the Library was erected by the Members of the Association in recognition of these valuable services. Your gift, with its accompanying pedestal, has been assigned a prominent place in our Library, where it may be seen by all who enter. We extend to you and the members of Mr. Stebbins' family a cordial invitation to visit our rooms and view the statue in its permanent home.

Yours, very truly,

ALEX. M. EAGLESON,
President.

MORRISTOWN, N. J., April 7, 1884.

President of the Mercantile Library:

SIR:—The Librarian of the Mercantile Library informed me that my bust of the poet Burns would be acceptable to the Library. Will please inform me how I may address it for shipment.

Yours truly,

JAMES CHAMBERS.

MERCANTILE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION, }
NEW YORK, April 10, 1884. }

James Chambers, Esq.:

DEAR SIR:—Your communication of the 7th instant was duly received, and I am requested by the Board of Directors of the Mercantile Library Association to thank you sincerely for the bust of the poet Robert Burns, and to state that it will be a very acceptable addition to our much-prized donations of statuary and will have accorded an honored position.

Let us trust that seeing the poet's kindly face may induce many a young man to open his poems and gather therefrom such rare pleasure and profit as the reading of Burns' verses must give to everyone who thoughtfully cons them.

We would suggest that the bust be given in charge of an express company, to be delivered at the Library building.

Very respectfully yours,

A. WETMORE, JR.,

Chairman of the Art Committee.

[APPENDIX XII.]

OFFICERS AND MEMBERS
OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTION
AND
Officers of the Association for 1884—85.

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JOHN BYERS.

A. L. BELL.

[APPENDIX XIII.]

TRUSTEES OF THE PERMANENT CATALOGUE FUND.

A. H. TIMPSON,

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F. A. SANDLAND,

Secretary Mercantile Library Association, ex-officio.

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President of the Clinton Hall Association, ex-officio.

DANIEL F. APPLETON, ARTHUR W. SHERMAN,

From the Members at Large.

TRUSTEES OF THE CLINTON HALL ASSOCIATION.

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MAY, 1884—APRIL, 1885.

1885.

PRESIDENTS OF THE ASSOCIATION

FROM ITS ORGANIZATION.

1820—23..LUCIUS BULL.	1858—59..E. BOUDINOT SERVOS.
1823—24..CORNELIUS SAVAGE.	1859—60..RICHARD A. BACHIA.
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1839.....JOHN S. WINTHROP.	1866—67..AARON C. ALLEN.
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1855.....D. REYNOLDS BUDD.	1880—81..CHAS. H. PATRICK.
1855—56..GEORGE C. WOOD.	1881—82..CHAS. H. PATRICK.
1856—57..JOHN CRERAR.	1882—83..A. WETMORE, JR.
1857—58..ROWLAND H. TIMPSON.	1883—84..ALEX. M. EAGLESON.
1857—58..ALEXANDER P. FISKE.	1884—85..A. H. TIMPSON.

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Sixty-Fourth Annual Report.

Fellow Members :

On behalf of the Board of Direction, I herewith submit the Sixty-fourth Annual Report, showing the condition of the Library and the work accomplished by the Association during the fiscal year just ended.

Deducting holidays, and the time the rooms were closed during the Summer for cleaning and repairs, the Library has been open 294 days during the year.

The circulation of books as compared with the previous year has been as follows :

	<i>1884-85.</i>	<i>1883-84.</i>
May	11,614.....	9,018
June.....	9,349.....	9,545
July.....	8,867.....	7,635
August.....	4,866.....	7,838
September.....	8,343.....	8,692
October.....	10,780.....	10,405
November.....	11,594.....	10,763
December.....	12,842.....	11,114
January.....	14,780.....	12,509
February.....	13,610.....	12,349
March.....	14,459.....	13,760
April.....	12,398.....	12,461
TOTAL FOR THE YEAR.....	133,509 Vols.	126,089 Vols.

These figures show that with twelve less days in which to do business, our circulation has increased 7,413 volumes over the previous year.

The number of volumes of fiction circulated, was 69,206.

The number of volumes of standard works, was 51,407.

The number of books in foreign languages, was 12,889 ; 73,932 volumes were distributed from the Library at Astor Place ; 31,342 from the Fifth Avenue branch ; 25,495 from the down-town branch, and 2,733 by messengers at members' residences.

The average monthly circulation was 11,125 volumes.

The average daily circulation was 455 volumes.

The largest monthly circulation was in January, 14,780 volumes.

The smallest monthly circulation was in August, 4,866 volumes.

The largest number of volumes circulated in any one day was 931, on February 28th ; and the smallest on September 9th, 212 volumes.

To the circulation as given above should be added the use of the books kept in the reference department, which is estimated at 30,000 volumes. This makes the total number of books used 166,569.

The number of magazines circulated was 3,243, a decrease of 317 as compared with the last year.

The number of notices sent to members for the return of books retained over time, was 2,401.

BOOKS.

The number of volumes in the Library as per the last annual report was 203,150.

There has been added during the year 6,920 volumes, the largest number of books acquired in any one year since 1878.

The number of volumes obtained by purchase was 6,598, and by donation 322.

The number of duplicate books sold, with the books condemned as being worn out, amounted to 2,947 volumes, which deducted from the gross accessions, makes the net increase for the year 3,973 volumes.

The total number of volumes in the Library April 30th, 1885, is 207,123.

Your Board in their purchases of books have adhered to the policy of meeting the demand, as nearly as possible, for new and popular publications, by purchasing duplicate copies of books when necessary.

We think during the past year our efforts in this respect have been very successful, as few complaints have been received that books inquired for could not be obtained.

We have not confined our purchases of duplicates entirely to works of fiction, but have also endeavored to meet the demand for works of a standard character, and while making every effort to meet the popular taste for current literature, we have paid due attention to obtaining valuable and permanent books. An impression having become prevalent that a majority of our purchases are works of the imagination, we desire to state that such is not the case.

We are necessarily compelled to buy more largely of fiction than of any other single class of books, they do not, however, form a majority.

While our circulation of fiction reaches almost 60 per cent. of the whole, our purchases of this class during the year is less than 45 per cent.

MUTILATION OF BOOKS.

We regret to be compelled to report, that during the past year the mutilation of books and periodicals has not diminished, but, on the contrary, it has assumed greater proportions than heretofore.

We have a standing reward of \$50 to be paid for any information that will aid us in catching the parties guilty of these outrages, but up to this time it has been of no service.

We note in these cases of vandalism, that in addition to the illustrated works, it is principally books that contain matter of special interest, or something that people are reading about in the daily newspapers that are mutilated.

For instance, when a change in our revenue laws was being agitated, and people were studying and reading everything that pertained to political science, the articles on political economy in

our encyclopedias, as well as other books, were continually extracted. From political economy the subject has changed to geography.

When the troubles began in Africa, the German periodicals "Globus" and "Gartenlaube" published in almost every issue a map of some portion of Africa.

These periodicals were filed in the reading room, and in every instance when there was a map, it was cut out, until at last, we were compelled, in order to protect the papers, to keep them behind the Superintendent's desk, and require persons who wanted to use them to write an order, and to keep this order until the paper was returned and examined.

The maps of the countries most in demand recently, have been Central Asia, Afghanistan and Russia.

A recent examination of the Library's copy of Keith Johnston's Royal Atlas of Modern Geography, generally acknowledged to be the best work of the kind published, disclosed the fact that the maps of the following countries had disappeared: "Persia and Afghanistan," "Central Asia," "Morocco, Algeria, Tunis, etc.," "Egypt," "Upper Nubia," and "South America," in all, eight maps pertaining to countries which are at this time engaging public attention.

A correspondent, some weeks since, sent this complaint to one of our daily newspapers:

"In these days of wars and rumors of wars a comprehensive atlas is a great desideratum. The writer after examining a number of works, finds no satisfactory compilation. Is any such to be had?" It has been suggested that perhaps a satisfactory war map may have been compiled through the extractions from our books.

Complaints have reached us of the defacing of books by illustrations and the interlining of critical remarks.

These additions to the text are very annoying, and as a general thing, reflect little credit to the self-constituted critics.

The opportunity afforded for the examination of books upon

their return is so slight, that the perpetrators of these acts have escaped detection.

We commend to the consideration of these anonymous writers the picture of the quadruped called an "Ass," which appeared in "Punch" sometime since. This "Ass" was dressed in men's clothing, sitting in a chair, pencil behind his ear, and book open before him. The inscription was as follows: "A Public Nuisance, or the fancy portrait of the party who will deface books from the circulating library with marginal notes." We hope by thus publicly bringing these matters to the attention of the members to receive their assistance in our efforts to catch and punish these offenders.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

The entire income of the Association for the year from all sources was \$27,305 61, an increase of \$624 55 over last year's receipts. The amount received for membership fees was \$15,064, an increase of \$28 50 as compared with the previous year.

The expenditures for the year were \$24,882 18. The sum expended for books, periodicals and binding was \$5,959 37, which taken with \$4,959 39, appropriated by the Clinton Hall Association, makes the total expenditure for books for the year \$10,918 76; \$6,460 60 were used in maintaining our Branches. The remainder was appropriated for salaries, light, insurance, etc., all of which appears in detail in the Treasurer's report.

We wish here to call attention to the great decrease in the amount paid for gas as compared with previous years.

Early last autumn a new gas company, the Equitable, the competitor to the consolidated gas companies of this city, laid their pipes through Eighth Street, passing alongside of our building. Application was made to your Board to become a patron of this company. As we had been sufferers for a long while through the old companies in the way of exorbitant bills

for gas, the Board decided to give the Equitable Company a trial. We are pleased to state the change has proved eminently satisfactory both as to the quality of the gas, and the bills for the same. Since we began using this gas we have received four bills. A comparison of these bills with those of the Manhattan Company, for the same period last year, the hours of opening and closing the Library being identical both years, shows a decrease of over 46 per cent. in the number of feet charged to us as having been consumed, and that while between the months of December and May of last year we paid \$523 11 for gas, our bills for the same period this year amounts to only \$210 95, a saving of nearly 60 per cent. On the contrary, at our Fifth Avenue Branch, where we are still compelled to use the gas of the consolidated companies, we have been charged with an increased consumption over last year of nearly 9 per cent.

MEMBERSHIP.

The total number of members on April 30th, 1884, was....3,367

Number of active members added during year. 253

“	Subscribing	“	“	“	“	1,000	
							1,253

Active Members' accounts closed..... 389

Subscribing	“	“	“	792	
							1,181

Increase during the year.....	72
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3,439

Number of Active Members April 30th, 1885... 1,566

“	Subscribing	“	“	1,873
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“	Honorary	“	“	70
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“	Editors using Library	“	51
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Members of Clinton Hall Association	1,701
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Total number of persons entitled to use the

Library, April 30th, 1885.....	<u>5,361</u>
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The following table shows the number of new books which have been bound during the year, as well as the number of old books rebound and repaired :

NUMBER OF VOLUMES SENT TO THE BINDERY.

		<i>Old.</i>	<i>New.</i>	<i>Total.</i>
May,	1884.....	523 Vols.	221 Vols.	744 Vols.
June,	"	187 "	146 "	283 "
July,	"	115 "	113 "	228 "
August,	"	60 "	183 "	243 "
September,	"	60 "	127 "	187 "
October,	"	48 "	235 "	283 "
November,	"	25 "	180 "	205 "
December,	"	45 "	193 "	238 "
January,	1885.....	46 "	240 "	286 "
February,	"	69 "	236 "	305 "
March,	"	252 "	249 "	501 "
April,	"	170 "	199 "	369 "
		<hr/> 1,550 "	<hr/> 2,322 "	<hr/> 3,872 "

The cost of the above work was \$1,507 14.

LIBRARY AND READING ROOM.

By resolution of your Board, the Library and Reading Room were closed for alterations and repairs in August last.

The Reading Room was closed on the 9th, and the Library one week later, the 16th, and both reopened on September 1st.

We believe it is generally well known among the Members of the Library, as it has been repeatedly stated in previous reports, that the management has never been satisfied with the Reading Room, as located since the change that was made in 1877. Want of space, however, which compelled its location in a place entirely unsuited for its purposes, also prevented any change being made for the better.

With the decision to abolish our bindery, which was located in the building, came the opportunity to obtain a new and better location for the Reading Room.

By taking the room formerly used for a bindery and also the

room used by the Board of Directors for their meetings, in conjunction with the hallway leading to these rooms, we have been enabled to make the present Reading Room.

It is a source of great satisfaction to your Board to have been enabled to accomplish this change.

We believe the change has given universal satisfaction to those members who habitually make use of the room.

Not only have we obtained a larger area with better light and ventilation, but we have removed from the Library a source of great destruction to the binding of the books stored in the upper alcoves, as has been explained in a previous Annual Report.

By this change we have also obtained storage room for forty or fifty thousand more volumes, and extra shelves for this purpose have been put up.

During the time the rooms were closed the entire Library was overhauled. All the books were removed from the shelves and dusted, the shelves washed and the books shifted in order to occupy the extra space just acquired.

The whole of this work was accomplished by our regular force of clerks.

AIDS FOR READERS.

Especial efforts have been made during the year to acquaint the members with the new accessions as soon as added to the Library. For this purpose we have purchased a new copying machine called the "Cyclostyle," by which a large number of impressions can be obtained from one copy of manuscript.

Lists of the new books purchased have been made each week, and copies obtained by means of the "Cyclostyle," left on the delivery desk for free distribution among the members.

A classified bulletin of new books was issued in October last. Another bulletin is now being prepared. We have, from time to time, throughout the year, published the lists of new additions in the daily newspapers.

BRANCHES.

Both the Down Town Branch and the Branch Library and

Reading Room on Fifth Avenue, continue in favor with those of our members who use them.

The number of books circulated from the Down Town Office was 25,495 volumes. This is a decrease of 237 from the circulation of last year. We think this can be accounted for from the fact that some members who formerly used this Office have transferred their accounts to the Fifth Avenue Branch.

The number of volumes distributed from the Fifth Avenue Branch was 31,342, an increase over last year's business of 12,115 volumes. The average monthly circulation was 2,849 volumes. The largest number of books given out in any one day was 304, on January 17th, and the smallest, 21 volumes, on September 4th. The rooms of this Branch were closed during the month of August. The number of members, including Clinton Hall Stockholders, who have made use of this Branch during the year, is 1,585.

The number of newspapers and magazines filed in the Reading Room have been considerably augmented since the last report.

Over 160 periodicals are now on file, including all the principal publications of our own country and of Europe.

CLINTON HALL ASSOCIATION.

Our thanks are due to the members of the Board of Trustees of this Association for the valuable and liberal assistance extended to us during the year.

As will be seen from their report, read this evening, they have added during the year 3,496 volumes, at a cost of \$4,959.39.

DONATIONS.

A list of those to whom our thanks are due for gifts of books and pamphlets, will be found in the appendix attached to this report.

We are pleased to note a slight increase in the number of donations over the previous year.

During the year three of our honorary members have died, viz.: Mr. Edmund Coffin, Hon. Schuyler Colfax and Mr. Richard M. Hoe.

Mr. Coffin, in addition to being an honorary member of the Library, was, up to the time of his death, the oldest living ex-president of the Association. He became Secretary of the Association in 1837.

In 1838 he was elected President, serving for one year. After the expiration of his term of office he became connected with the Clinton Hall Association, and continued from that time a zealous and active member of the Board of Trustees until the year 1877, when he resigned the position of Treasurer, which he had held for over twenty years.

To Mr. Coffin more than any other single individual we believe we are indebted for the location of the Library in the building we now occupy.

In this connection we think it will be interesting to take a brief retrospect of the facts and incidents connected with the acquisition of the present Clinton Hall, and to compare the extent of the Library and the growth of the city to-day with what they were thirty odd years ago, at the time of the removal from the old Clinton Hall, at the corner of Beekman and Nassau Streets.

The agitation for a new site for the Library began as early as 1840. In 1851 the Library had entirely outgrown its accommodations, and great inconvenience was experienced in providing room for the new books as they were acquired.

In February, 1852, the Board of Directors adopted a resolution urgently soliciting the attention of the Trustees of Clinton Hall Association to this matter.

On the 4th day of November, 1852, a Special Meeting of the members of the Mercantile Library Association was held, and the following resolution adopted :

"Resolved, That in view of the gradual change of residence which has taken place to the upper sections of the city, it is expedient, in the opinion of this Meeting, that a new location should be secured for the Library as soon as practicable, in the vicinity of Broadway, not below Canal Street and not above Astor Place."

Being guided by the above resolution, and after using their utmost exertions to obtain a suitable location, midway between the limits designated, the Trustees of the Clinton Hall Association purchased the property known as the Astor Place Opera House ; being, in their opinion, the best location in the City of New York for the promotion of the welfare of the Mercantile Library.

In January, 1853, Messrs. Coffin and Hunt were appointed a Committee to negotiate for the purchase of the Opera House.

Subsequently, the Committee reported, that by reason of the amount to which the Clinton Hall Association could hold real or personal property being limited by the act of incorporation to \$100,000, and until the charter could be amended by the Legislature extending the above limit, they, the Committee, in order to secure the property had assumed the purchase individually and personally.

In the meantime the opponents of removal began to obtain the views of the members of the Library.

Remonstrances were circulated, public meetings held, and articles on either side appeared in the newspapers.

The Board of Direction directed that a box be provided at the ensuing annual election for the receipt of ballots in favor of and against a change of location.

Out of 1,048 votes deposited, a majority of 184 was found to be against removal.

This result was as unexpected as it was embarrassing. Notwithstanding this adverse vote, the Board of Directors after mature deliberation decided to co-operate with the trustees of Clinton Hall ; and, as we all know, the change was effected. Since the consummation of this event, three decades only have elapsed, and the Mercantile Library Association is again confronted with the same difficulties of want of proper accommodations to transact its business, and the ineligibility of our location.

At the time of our removal from the old site to the present one, the Library possessed 40,000 volumes, and the City of

New York had a population of something over 500,000 people. It was estimated that the new Library building had a storage capacity of 120,000 volumes, and it was confidently asserted that the site would be an eligible one for fifty years.

In 1871, the extent of the Library reached 120,000 volumes, and for fifteen years past each successive Board of Direction has urged upon the Clinton Hall Association the necessity of moving further up-town in order to be nearer the residential portion of the city.

Both Mr. Coffin, who has just died, and Mr. Wilson G. Hunt, who survives him, lived to see the site of their purchase become unsuitable for its purpose in one-half the time that was predicted for it.

Our Library now numbers over 207,000 volumes, and the city has a population of 1,500,000 souls.

In 1880, the Clinton Hall trustees purchased the property on the corner of Thirty-seventh Street and Broadway. At the time of its purchase it was considered a very central location, and one in every way suited for the future permanent home of the Library. Five years have elapsed since this property was secured, and nothing has been done towards erecting a building thereon.

Considering the metamorphosis that has occurred, even in this short period, and the present migratory tendencies of our population, perhaps this inaction will prove to have been wise. Who of us is now prepared to say that Thirty-seventh Street and Broadway is the right location for the Library when its needs for the future are considered.

Where then, in our ever changing and rapid growing city, is the right location for the future, and which ought to be the permanent abode of the Library?

Upon a wise solution of this problem at an early date, we believe depends the future prosperity of our Institution.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. H. TIMPSON,
President.

Annual Meeting.

The Sixty-Fourth Annual Meeting of the MERCANTILE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION was held in the Reading Room, Clinton Hall, on Tuesday evening, May 12th, 1885.

In the absence of the President of the Association, the meeting was called to order at half-past eight o'clock, by the Vice-President, Mr. CHAS. H. PATRICK, who presided.

Mr. F. A. SANDLAND, the Secretary, read the minutes of the last Annual Meeting, which, on motion, were approved.

The Secretary read the Annual Report of the Treasurer of the MERCANTILE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION ; the Report of Mr. M. C. D. BORDEN, the Treasurer of the CLINTON HALL ASSOCIATION ; and the Report of the Committee appointed to examine the books and other property of the MERCANTILE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION.

On motion, all of the above reports were accepted, and ordered to be printed with the Annual Report.

The Vice-President then read the Sixty-Fourth Annual Report, which was adopted, and ordered to be printed for distribution among the members.

The following resolution was, on motion, adopted :

Resolved, That to the Officers and to the Board of Directors the thanks of the members of the Association are due for the able and efficient manner in which they have conducted the affairs of the Association during the past year.

Resolved, That we, in a special manner, tender them our thanks for the change that has been made in the Reading Room.

The meeting then adjourned.

F. A. SANDLAND.

Secretary.



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[APPENDIX L]

TREASURER'S REPORT OF THE MERCANTILE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION, For the Year ending April 30th, 1885.

RECEIPTS.

Balance April 30, 1884.....	\$	2,043	01
Initiation Fees.....		1,253	00
Semi-Annual Dues.....		13,043	00
Duplicate Accounts.....		768	00
Amount received for extra Books and Fines.....		2,562	22
Catalogues.....		64	40
Duplicate Books.....		1,288	72
Book Delivery.....		152	10
Old Paper.....		71	62
Interest.....		1,025	00
Clinton Hall.....		4,652	30
Sale of Bindery Machinery.....		266	13
Permanent Catalogue Fund Interest.....		116	11
		<u>\$27,305</u>	<u>61</u>

EXPENDITURES.

Books.....	\$2,491	87
Periodicals.....	1,960	36
Binding.....	1,507	14
Fifth Avenue Branch.....	4,778	36
Liberty Street Branch.....	1,682	24
Light.....	791	77
Salaries.....	7,459	52
Incidentals.....	780	89
Stationery.....	528	26
Catalogue.....	1,278	75
Book Delivery.....	356	79
Fixtures.....	497	76
Advertising.....	358	97
Insurance.....	409	50
	<u>\$24,882</u>	<u>18</u>
Balance, Lincoln National Bank, April 30, 1885....		2,423 43
	<u>\$27,305</u>	<u>61</u>

[APPENDIX II.]

ANNUAL REPORT
OF
M. C. D. BORDEN,
Treasurer Clinton Hall Association.
May 1885.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand, May 1884.....	\$4,599 20
Rents collected, less repairs, expenses, &c.....	16,877 26
	<u>\$21,476 46</u>

EXPENDITURES.

Books.....	\$4,959 39
Binding.....	677 80
Coal.....	368 50
General Repairs.....	2,590 36
Janitor.....	390 96
Interest.....	4,155 83
Mercantile Safe Deposit Company.....	20 00

MERCANTILE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION.

On Account Rent Liberty Street Branch.....	279 50
“ “ and Expenses Fifth Avenue Branch.....	3,000 00
Cleaning, Lighting, &c....	125 00
Clerical Services.....	500 00
Printing Annual Report.....	90 00
Insurance.....	933 63
Cash on hand, May, 1885.....	3,376 49
	<u>\$21,476 46</u>

M. C. D. BORDEN,
Treasurer.

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INSURANCE.

On Building	\$75,000 00
" Books	66,000 00
" Furniture	13,000 00
	<u>\$154,000 00</u>

BOOKS ADDED DURING THE YEAR, 3,496 VOLUMES,

CLASSIFIED AS FOLLOWS :

On Theology	126
" Mental and Moral Science ..	75
" Political Science	154
" Literature	320
" History, Geography and Travels ..	362
" Biography	238
" Mathematics	1
" Natural Science	71
" Medical Science	41
" Art	112
" Fiction	1,996
	<u>3,496</u>
Previous Purchases	42,343
Total number of volumes added by Clinton Hall Association.	<u>45,739</u>

M. C. D. BORDEN,
Treasurer.

NEW YORK, May 13th, 1885.

[APPENDIX III.]

ANNUAL ADDITIONS OF MEMBERS AND BOOKS.
Expenditures for Books, Total Receipts, etc., from the 9th of November,
1820, to the 1st of May, 1885.

YEARS.	No. of Mem- bers who have joined the Library.	No. of Vols. acquired by purchase & donation.	Amount Ex- pended for Books and Periodicals.	Amount Ex- pended for Binding.	Donations received.	Total Receipts.
1820-21	204	1,000	\$600 00		\$800 00	\$900 00
1822	76	250	273 00		150 00	510 00
1823	81	100	150 00		250 00	726 69
1824	77	175	208 00			712 23
1825	257	675	619 00	\$73 00	795 00	1,469 00
1826	471	1,000	756 72	190 28	785 75	2,246 42
1827	360	1,200	695 12	31 38		1,750 52
1828	295	1,000	330 27	146 25		1,572 47
1829	414	600	562 30	154 28		1,701 81
1830	486	600	567 91	99 25		1,755 82
1831	507	750	1,177 19	68 48		2,360 71
1832	383	864	1,107 36	197 55		3,033 58
1833	392	1,379	1,303 98	224 20		2,978 98
1834	393	1,090	1,278 20	223 29		2,977 59
1835	680	1,522	2,126 32	238 51		4,333 18
1836	867	1,845	2,286 74	250 70		5,110 80
1837	936	2,547	2,806 47	186 04		6,109 20
1838	1,083	2,471	3,115 72	423 91		7,477 99
1839	1,097	3,543	4,278 28	729 60		8,082 15
1840	501	390	1,995 19	615 42		7,071 17
1841	627	1,139	1,495 12	591 75		6,935 30
1842	308	1,252	2,179 79	670 77		5,567 70
1843	252	465	797 80	536 85		4,355 88
1844	387	745	708 35	271 25		3,959 20
1845	582	1,428	1,628 60	402 65		4,082 04
1846	609	1,863	2,072 59	500 34		5,044 61
1847	687	2,258	3,311 95	549 19		5,962 90
1848	681	2,276	3,392 71	445 52		6,286 21
1849	1,013	2,517	3,531 83	600 35		7,207 06
1850	1,116	1,865	2,638 63	286 72	3,000 00	10,691 95
1851	1,041	2,957	4,050 01	560 84		8,290 00
1852	1,293	4,346	4,786 35	889 67		9,931 72
1853	991	2,900	3,916 54	418 96		8,929 82
1854	1,216	2,400	3,019 07	381 26		9,691 95
1855-56	1,783	3,588	4,477 42	1,475 44		14,223 95
1856-57	1,088	1,521	1,384 21	661 10		10,453 95
1857-58	877	824	1,615 93	581 77		9,182 50
1858-59	969	3,040	3,537 80	521 53		9,509 59
1859-60	1,080	3,183	3,259 52	342 87	10,050 00	20,615 86
1860-61	1,109	2,827	3,141 37	318 62	50 00	11,249 19
1861-62	792	1,322	2,663 41	135 72	400 00	10,276 47
1862-63	803	4,581	3,358 70	817 03		12,711 21
1863-64	1,564	6,047	7,412 80	318 23		17,638 94
1864-65	2,830	7,408	10,420 81	586 60	4,000 00	20,146 81
1865-66	3,332	9,028	11,639 18	582 90	2,000 00	41,761 01
1866-67	2,825	10,090	12,479 11	1,000 45		40,380 36
1867-68	2,689	9,351	11,075 29	660 24	5,000 00	41,722 50
1868-69	2,434	12,024	13,092 98	593 75		38,014 92
1869-70	3,129	13,000	11,894 97	1,577 75		40,468 00
1870-71	2,379	12,210	10,831 01	1,414 70		42,258 81
1871-72	2,511	10,914	10,491 88	2,039 58		44,678 31
1872-73	2,004	6,919	6,631 26	2,208 85		38,869 46
1873-74	1,860	5,455	10,174 08	951 37	1,500 00	35,980 67
1874-75	1,850	9,062	10,387 00	591 50		34,657 83
1875-76	1,694	10,618	11,326 44	1,116 05	1,000 00	34,907 02
1876-77	1,584	10,198	10,307 24	1,189 24		35,084 76
1877-78	1,306	8,351	7,420 71	1,148 89	5,000 00	34,799 02
1878-79	1,254	7,027	6,949 38	739 84		27,357 53
1879-80	1,481	6,439	5,633 74	750 66		26,356 32
1880-81	1,195	4,446	4,951 56	736 91		23,582 95
1881-82	1,030	4,837	4,001 51	1,547 83		21,095 65
1882-83	976	5,220	3,578 99	1,426 12		22,022 52
1883-84	1,347	5,853	4,751 93	1,230 15		26,681 06
1884-85	1,253	6,920	4,452 23	1,507 14		27,305 61
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	71,301	253,760	\$277,079 52	\$39,821 09	\$34,680 75	\$882,769 41

[APPENDIX IV.] CIRCULATION.

The following Table shows the number of books delivered annually from the 30th of April, 1850, to the 30th of April, 1885. Prior to the former date there is no accurate record of the circulation of the Library.

YEAR.	Total Issue.	Delivered at Main Library.	Delivered at Town Office.	Delivered at Other Branch Offices.	Delivered at Residence.	No. of Volumes Standard Literature delivered.	No. of Volumes Fiction delivered.	No. of Volumes in Foreign Languages delivered.	Daily Average. The Figures in this col. prior to those for '87 are approximate only.	Largest Circulation in one day.	Date of last col. umn.
1850-60	64,963	46,007	18,166						228		Aug. 10.
1860-61	79,773	64,318	15,555						977	1,573	Feb. 27.
1861-62	95,575	76,827	15,748						322	1,346	Feb. 19.
1862-63	88,273	70,624	14,649						297	1,832	Mar. 18.
1863-64	102,040	86,092	16,947						335	1,727	Jan. 20.
1864-65	139,609	106,437	33,172						661	1,772	Jan. 25.
1865-66	178,218	154,352	23,866						698	1,647	Jan. 25.
1866-67	206,120	169,219	36,901						718	1,343	Jan. 24.
1867-68	203,694	151,388	44,060						710	1,467	Jan. 30.
1868-69	210,066	156,568	45,080						742	1,403	Mar. 18.
1869-70	234,120	175,110	47,826						760	1,506	Mar. 3.
1870-71	269,034	184,780	83,012						742	2,052	Aug. 11.
1871-72	230,845	164,253	68,439	10,360	8,246				742	861	Mar. 6.
1872-73	239,533	165,096	61,378	24,284	11,882				879	1,036	Jan. 15.
1873-74	204,632	154,265	44,376	12,133	12,869				836	754	June 21.
1874-75	203,145	154,368	46,355		12,306				780	673	Feb. 24.
1875-76	190,829	139,957	46,087		5,791				697	878	Mar. 15.
1876-77	188,850	137,327	46,087		2,422				670	931	Feb. 28.
1877-78	177,336	132,093	40,873		4,383				625		
1878-79	158,799	126,308	28,545		5,436				619		
1879-80	143,251	107,414	23,370		4,970				620		
1880-81	156,671	117,145	25,477		3,946				620		
1881-82	120,345	89,131	27,549		3,639				612		
1882-83	112,375	89,131	27,549		2,705				612		
1883-84	126,089	79,066	25,732		1,695				468		
1884-85	138,302	73,932	20,495		2,064				468		
					2,733				435		

[APPENDIX V.]

Book Account.

Number of volumes, April 30th, 1884		203,150
“ “ added this year by purchase	6,598	
“ “ “ “ donation	322	
	<u>6,920</u>	
French Books added	563	
German “	324	
Other Foreign Books added	186	
English Books added	5,847	
	<u>6,920</u>	
Folio and Quarto	557	
Octavo	1,487	
Duodecimo, etc.	4,876	
	<u>6,920</u>	
On Theology	207	
“ Mental and Moral Sciences.	150	
“ Political Science.	323	
“ Natural Science.	164	
“ Literature.	1,090	
“ History, Geography and Travels.	968	
“ Biography.	451	
“ Mathematics.	16	
“ Medicine.	90	
“ Arts.	285	
“ English Fiction.	3,176	
	<u>6,920</u>	
Less Surplus and Imperfect Books sold.	2,947	
	<u>3,973</u>	
Total No. of Volumes, April 30th, 1885.		207,123
Books added by Clinton Hall Association.	3,973	
Pamphlets added.	340	

[APPENDIX VI.]

EXECUTIVE FORCE.

Librarian.

WM. T. PEOPLES.

Assistant Librarian.

T. J. TITUS.

Assistant Cataloguer.

CHARLES BRUN.

Book-Keeper and Cashier.

T. J. McSTRAVICK.

Desk Clerks.

CHAS. COX.

JOHN J. McSTRAVICK.

JOHN GERDES.

LOUIS BATTRE.

Collector.

THOS. CRINNIGAN.

Reading Room Attendant.

ADOLF ABEL.

Superintendents of Branches.

JAMES H. WOOD.

JOHN J. O'BRIEN.

Messengers.

RUFUS OSTRANDER.

CHAS. GUILLOUD.

Janitor.

JOHN CRINNIGAN.

[APPENDIX VII.]

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE appointed to Examine
the Books and other Property of the Association.**

NEW YORK, April 11th, 1885.

To the Board of Direction of the Mercantile Library Association :

GENTLEMEN : The Committee appointed to make the Annual Examination of the Books and other property of the Association, report, that they found the books generally in a good state of preservation, and in excellent order, reflecting credit on all who have the Library in charge.

The Committee was much pleased with the new Reading Room, and congratulate the Board of Direction upon the change that has been made.

This change is to be commended, not only for the advantages of the new room over the old one in the way of light, ventilation and area, but also for the reason that it removes the department which is kept open the longest at night from the main storage room of the Library, where the great bulk of the books are kept, and therefore obviates the necessity of keeping this room open so long at night, and by burning so much gas generating the intense heat which has proved so destructive to the bindings of the books stored in the upper galleries.

Respectfully submitted,

D. A. TIEBOUT,
S. PUTNAM,
HENRY F. HERKNER.

[APPENDIX VIII.]

LIST OF DONORS

TO THE

Mercantile Library Association,

For the Year ending April 30, 1885.

	VOLS.	PAM.
Abbott, Austin	1	
Adams, John J.	7	
Albany, N. Y., Young Men's Association for Mutual Improvement		2
Alden & Bros., Edwin, Cincinnati, O.	1	
American Antiquarian Society		2
" Art Association	1	
" Bible Society		1
" Colonization Society		7
" Geographical Society		6
" New Church Tract and Publication Society		1
" Pharmaceutical Association	1	
" Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals		1
" Veterinary College		1
Andover, Mass., Theological Seminary		1
Arnoux, Wm. H.	1	
Balfour, David M., Boston, Mass	6	
Baltimore, Md., Johns Hopkins University		6
" " Peabody Institute	1	
Bell, A. L.	1	
Bell, Clark		2
Belrose, Jr., Louis, Bryn Mawr, Pa.	1	
Benjamin, Raphael, Rev. M. A., Cincinnati, O.	1	
Bonnell, Henry Houston		1
Boston, Mass., Boston College		1
" " Boston Public Library		4
" " Bostonian Society		1
Brachvogel, Udo.	1	
Bradlee, C. D., Rev., Boston, Mass.		5
Branmer, John Casper.		1
Bridgeport, Conn., Public Library		1
Brooklyn, Department of Health		2
" Brooklyn Library		2

	VOLE.	PAM.
Brunswick, Me., Bowdoin College.....		1
Buffalo, N. Y., Young Men's Association		2
Business Educator's Association of America.		1
Cady, C. E.....		1
Cambridge, Mass., Harvard University.....		4
Chicago, Ill., Public Library.....		1
Cincinnati, O., Public Library.....	1	7
" Young Men's Mercantile Library Association		2
Cleveland, O., Public Library.....		2
College Hill, Mass., Tufts College.....		1
Commissioners of the State Bureau of Labor Statistics.		1
Connecticut (State of) Board of Agriculture.	1	
Croes, J. J. R.....		1
Crunden, Frederick M., St. Louis, Mo.....		1
Dana, C. L., A. M., M. D.....		2
Danvers, Mass., Peabody Institute.....		1
Delisle, Léopold, Paris, France.....	1	
Dickinson, Edward B.....	1	
Dodd, Mead & Co.....	10	
Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the U. S. of America.....		1
Donnell, E. J.....		5
Dorsheimer, Wm., M. C.....	1	
English, C. Davis.....		1
Eyland, Seth, Major.....	1	
Fanning, J. T., Manchester, N. H.....		1
Fort Hamilton, N. Y., Inebriate's Home.....		1
Germantown, Philadelphia, Pa., Friend's Free Library and Reading Room.....		1
Gildehaus, Chas., St. Louis, Mo.....	1	
Glasgow, Scotland, Mitchell Library.....		2
Gloucester, Mass., Sawyer Free Library.....	1	
Guthrie, Malcolm, Liverpool, England.....	1	
Handsworth, Stafford Co., Eng., Handsworth Pub. Library.....		1
Hartford, Conn., Hartford Library Association.....		2
" " Hartford Steam Boiler Inspection and In- surance Company.....	1	
" " Trinity College.....		1
" " Yale College.....		3
Jacobi, A., M. D.....		1
Kansas (State of) State Board of Agriculture.....	1	
Keppler & Schwarzmunn.....	2	
Knoth, Louis, Dr.....		2
Konvalinka, J. G., Astoria, L. I.....		1
Lawrence, Mass., Free Public Library.....		2
Levy, J. Arthur.....		1
Little, James L., M. D.....		1
Liverpool, England, Free Public Library, Museum, and Walker Art Gallery.....		1
Logan, E.....	1	
London, Eng., Cobden Club.....		1
" " Society for the Study and Cure of Inebriety.....		1

	VOLB.	PAM.
Lovell Company, John W	1	
Lowell, Mass., Lowell City Library		1
McCook, A. G., General, M. C.	4	
Manchester, N. H., City Library		1
Mathews, Albert		1
Meylert, A. P., M. D.	2	
Milwaukee, Wis., Public Library		2
Minnesota, University of		1
Nagle, Dr. John T.		3
National Conference of Unitarian & other Christian Churches		1
National Prison Association of the U. S. of America	1	
Neumann, C. G. & F.	1	
New Bedford, Mass., Free Public Library		1
New York (City of) Board of Education	4	
" " " Estimate and Apportionment	6	
" " " Police Justices.	1	
" " Common Council	5	
" " Department of Health		42
" " Finance Department	1	
" " Fire Department	1	
" " Meteorological Observatory		10
" (State of) Chamber of Commerce	1	
" " Electoral College		1
" " Governor's Office	1	
" " Secretary of State	27	14
" " State Engineer	1	
" " State Library	3	1
" Academy of Sciences		12
" Association for Improving the Condition of the		2
Poor		
" Association of the Bar of the City of New York.		1
" Astor Library	1	
" Bank of New York	1	
" Children's Aid Society		1
" College of the City of New York		1
" Columbia College		2
" Cooper Union		1
" Deutsche Gesellschaft der Stadt New York		1
" Electric Medical College		1
" General Society of Mechanics and Tradesmen		1
" Hospital and Bloomingdale Asylum		1
" Institution for the Blind		2
" Law Institute		1
" Maimonides Library		3
" Manhattan Eye and Ear Hospital		1
" National Philatelic Society of New York City	1	
" Produce Exchange	4	
" Roosevelt Hospital		2
" Sheltering Arms		1
" Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children.		1
" " " Relief of the Ruptured and Crip-		
pled		1

	VOLS.	PAM.
New York Society of Sons of the Revolution.....		1
" Thirteen Club.....		1
" Young Men's Christian Association.....		1
New York and Brooklyn Bridge, Trustees of.....	1	
Newport, R. I., Redwood Library and Athenæum.....		2
Newton, Mass., Free Library.....		1
Ohio State Library.....	17	
Onderdonk, Jr., Henry, Jamaica, L. I.....	1	
Peaslee, John B., Ph. D., Cincinnati, O.....		1
Pennsylvania State Penitentiary for the Eastern District...		2
Perry, John S., Albany, N. Y.....		1
Philadelphia, Pa., Apprentices' Library Company.....		1
" " College of Pharmacy, Alumni Ass'n....		1
" " Fairmount Park Art Association.....		1
" " Library Company.....		2
" " Mercantile Library Company.....		3
" " Presbyterian Historical Society.....		1
" " Social Science Association.....		3
Phillips, Henry, Jr., Philadelphia.....	1	3
Pope, Albert A., Boston, Mass.....		1
Pratt Manufacturing Company.....	1	
Providence, R. I., Athenæum.....		1
Q. P. Index, Bangor, Me.....		1
Randol, J. B., San Francisco, Cal.....	1	2
Redpath, James.....	1	
Rives, Geo. L.....		1
Rochester, N. Y., University of Rochester.....		1
Royal Society of Canada.....	1	
St. Louis, Mo., Mercantile Library.....		1
" " Public School Library.....		4
Salem, Mass., Essex Institute.....		8
San Francisco, Cal., Chamber of Commerce.....		1
" " Mechanics Institute.....	1	
" " Mercantile Library Association.....		1
" " Odd Fellows Library Association ..		1
Schwab, H. C.....	1	
Smithsonian Institution.....	2	
Springfield, Mass., City Library Association.....		1
Steele, Henry T., Chicago, Ill.....		1
Stevens Institute of Technology, Hoboken, N. J.....	1	
Sumner, Chas. A., M. C., San Francisco, Cal.....		1
Swansea, Wales, Eng., Public Library and Gallery of Art.		1
Taunton, Mass., Public Library.....	1	5
Townsend, Belton O'Neil, Florence, S. C.....	1	
Tracy, Charles.....		1
Tracy, J. P.....	1	
United States Civil Service Commission.....	2	5
" " Department of Justice.....	6	7
" " " State.....	3	10
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" " " " " Bureau of Education	1	8
" " " " " Patent Office.....	9	

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United States Department of the Treasury	2	
" " " " " Bureau of Navigation	1	
" " " " " " Statistics.. ..	1	12
" " " " " Coast and Geodetic Survey.....	1	
" " " " " Comptroller of the Currency.....	4	
" " " " " Life Saving Service	1	
" " " " " War. Chief of Engineers....	8	2
" " " " " " Ordnance	2	
" " " " " Librarian.	1	
" " " " " Surgeon-General.....		1
" " Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md.		1
" " Navy Department. Bureau of Navigation...	6	
" " " " Naval Observatory.....	1	2
" " Post Office Department.....	2	
Unknown Friends.....	2	10
Unwin, T. Fisher, London, England.....	1	
Upland, Pa., Crozier Theological Seminary.....		1
Vermont, University of		1
Webster, Frank B., Pawtucket, R. I.	1	
White, Richard Edward, San Francisco, Cal	1	
Willcox, Hamilton		1
Wilmington, Del., Wilmington Institute.....		1
Wood & Co., Wm.	1	
Wright, Harrison.....	1	2
Zincken, C. F., Leipzig, Germany.....	1	

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HONORARY MEMBERS

OF THE

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OFFICERS AND MEMBERS
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TRUSTEES OF THE PERMANENT CATALOGUE FUND.

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1830—23..LUCIUS BULL.	1858—59..E. BOUDINOT SERVOS.
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1827—31..R. B. BROWN.	1861—62..CHAS. F. ALLEN.
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1856—57..JOHN CRERAR.	1882—83..A. WETMORE, JR.
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Sixty-fifth Annual Report.

Fellow Members :

I have the honor of presenting herewith the Sixty-fifth Annual Report of the Association, covering the transactions for the fiscal year ending April 30th, 1886.

GROWTH OF THE LIBRARY.

The number of books in the Library at the beginning of the year, as shown by the last annual report, was 207,123 volumes.

During the year, 7,050 volumes have been added by purchase, and 299 volumes have been received through donations, making the gross accessions for the year 7,349 volumes.

Although the number of books added is larger than that for the preceding year, and in fact greater than for any previous single year since 1877-1878, yet we have been able to dispose of so many of our duplicate books, that these being deducted from our gross acquisitions, reduce our net increase to smaller figures than have been reported by previous Boards.

Special efforts were made to dispose of as many of our surplus books as possible, and catalogues of what we had for sale, with prices affixed, were sent to four thousand libraries throughout the country.

In addition to this, some three thousand volumes were sold at auction, and we believe that this is the first time in its history that the Library has tried this mode of reducing its duplicate books.

Although the prices obtained were not as high as we had hoped for, still we were enabled to rid ourselves of many duplicates which at private sale would have found no purchasers.

The total number of books sold, added to those worn out, and withdrawn for that reason, amounted to 4,936 volumes. Deducting these from the accessions, as given above, makes our net increase for the year 2,413 volumes.

The total number of books in the Library on April 30th, 1886, is 209,536.

The appendix attached to this report will show the classification of the books added.

MEMBERSHIP.

The total number of members on April 30th, 1885, was....3,439

Active members added during the year..... 243

Subscribing " " " "1,239

—1,482

Active members' accounts closed..... 304

Subscribing " " " " 936

—1,240

Making an increase for the year of.....

242

3,681

Number of active members April 30th, 1886.....1,505

" subscribing " "2,176

" honorary " " 64

" editors using Library " 45

Members of Clinton Hall Association.....1,701

Total number of persons entitled to use the Library,

April 30th, 1886.....

5,491

BRANCHES.

In the year 1864, the Board of Directors deemed it expedient, *owing to the rapid growth of our city and the upward tendency*

of its resident population, to open a branch office and reading-room at the corner of 26th Street and Broadway. After an existence of three years this office was closed, as the public failed to give it sufficient support to warrant its maintenance.

The annual report for the year 1869-1870 showed the largest membership in the history of the Library. From that time up to the year 1883-1884, our records show a gradual decrease in our membership each year. During that period each and every annual report attributed this decrease to two causes, namely, the location of our library and cheap literature.

The opening of the elevated railroads during this period also aided in decreasing our membership, by removing many of our former members to portions of the city very remote from the Library. In the summer of 1884, the Board of Directors resolved to again try the experiment of opening an uptown branch.

As you well know, the basement floor in the building, 431 Fifth Avenue, was leased, and so far the experiment has been very satisfactory.

The first annual report made after the opening of this Branch showed that the shrinkage, which had been going on so steadily for so long a time, had stopped, and for the first time in 13 years, there was an increase in the number of members; the increase amounting to 231. Last year's report showed a still further increase, and from the figures given further up it will be seen that to-night we can show another increase of 242 over the number of last year's membership.

In the opinion of your Board this gratifying result is, to a great extent, due to the establishing of this Branch in a central location, easy of access for a large portion of the community. During the past year its business has increased to such proportions that we have found our present accommodations inadequate. It being impossible for any further development in these quarters, and the lease of the premises expiring on the 1st of May, 1886, your Board resolved to seek larger and more commodious rooms

and succeeded in leasing for a term of five years two floors of the building, 426 Fifth Avenue, almost opposite our old site.

The basement floor has been fitted for the library, and in this room we estimate that we shall have a storage capacity for upwards of 40,000 volumes. The entire parlor floor will be devoted to the use of the reading-room and reference department. These rooms have a depth of 93 feet. The ceilings are 15 feet high, thereby affording ample opportunity for good ventilation. It is the intention of your Board that this Branch be made as attractive, and be as well equipped with reading matter, as any existing place of its kind.

In this undertaking we have incurred considerable extra liabilities, but we hope that an enlarged and appreciative constituency will more than compensate us.

The number of volumes circulated through the Fifth Avenue Branch was 35,884, making an average monthly circulation of 2,987 volumes. The average daily circulation was 122 volumes. The largest number of books given out in any single day was 310 volumes on January 23d, and the smallest on July 9th, 31 volumes.

The rooms were closed from August 17th to 31st.

The number of volumes issued from the down-town office for the year was 25,615, a slight increase over that of last year. Excepting Sundays and legal holidays, this branch was open the entire year.

We note that the business of this office increases during the summer season, and decreases during the winter months. This is the reverse of what occurs at the main library, and at the Fifth Avenue Branch. We believe that this may be accounted for from the fact that many members who make use of the main library and the Fifth Avenue Branch during the winter, avail themselves of the privileges of the down-town office to obtain their reading matter during the summer months while residing out of the city. Proximity to their places

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of business enables them to do this with but little inconvenience or delay. Our lease of the present premises, 62 Liberty Street, has still another year to run.

CIRCULATION.

The circulation of books, as compared with that of last year, is as follows:

	<i>1885-86.</i>	<i>1884-85.</i>
May.....	11,761.....	11,614
June.....	10,730.....	9,349
July.....	8,237.....	8,867
August.....	7,478.....	4,866
September.....	8,729.....	8,343
October.....	11,181.....	10,780
November.....	11,683.....	11,594
December.....	12,452.....	12,842
January.....	15,376.....	14,780
February.....	14,299.....	13,610
March.....	16,758.....	14,459
April.....	14,421.....	12,461
	<u>143,105 Vols.</u>	<u>133,509 Vols.</u>

The above figures show the circulation for the year to be 143,105 volumes, an increase of 9,596 volumes over that of last year. These figures do not include the use of the books contained in the Reference Department, which we estimate at about 32,000 volumes, thus making the total number of books used during the year 175,105 volumes.

The classification of the books circulated is:

Works of fiction.....	74,086	
Standard Literature.....	55,461	
Books in French language.....	9,158	
" German ".....	4,400	
	<u>143,105</u>	
From the Library, Astor Place.....	78,352 Vols.	
" Fifth Avenue Branch.....	35,884 "	
" Down-town office.....	25,615 "	
Delivered at members' residences.....	3,254 "	
	<u>143,105</u>	

MERCANTILE LIBRARY

The average monthly circulation was 11,725 volumes.

The largest monthly circulation was in March, 16,959 volumes, and the smallest, 8,237 volumes, in July.

The average daily circulation was 468 volumes.

The largest number of books issued in one day was 1,008, on January 23d, and the smallest on August 29th, 177 volumes.

The number of magazines issued was 3,511.

The number of notices sent to members for the return of books kept over time was 2,635.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

The report of the Treasurer shows the total income of the Library for the year from all sources to be \$29,021¹⁸/₁₀₀.

The expenditures were \$27,682⁸⁸/₁₀₀.

For books, periodicals and binding, \$6,846⁷⁷/₁₀₀ were expended. Add to this amount \$5,603⁶⁴/₁₀₀, spent by Clinton Hall, makes the total expenditure for books, etc., \$12,450³¹/₁₀₀.

The Treasurer's report gives in detail the other items of expense.

DONATIONS.

During the year were added to the Library by gift 299 volumes and 365 pamphlets. These donations have been duly acknowledged. An appendix to be attached to this report will contain the names of the donors, with a list of the gifts.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

We have lost by death during the year five honorary members of the Association, viz.: Mr. H. B. Claflin, Hon. Reuben E. Fenton, General U. S. Grant, Mr. D. Colden Murray, and Hon. Horatio Seymour.

CLINTON HALL ASSOCIATION.

We desire to acknowledge the aid and assistance afforded us during the year by the Trustees of the Clinton Hall Association. They have added to the Library 3,464 volumes, at a cost of

\$5,603 ⁶⁴/₁₀₀. They have also rendered us liberal assistance in the maintaining of both the Fifth Avenue Branch and the downtown office.

READERS' AIDS.

In addition to maintaining and developing the public card catalogue, we published two bulletins of the new books added to the Library between October, 1884, and February, 1846. Some 5,000 accession lists of new books were distributed to members free of charge.

BINDING.

The following table gives the number of new books which have been bound, as well as the number of old books rebound and repaired:

		<i>Old.</i>	<i>New.</i>	<i>Total.</i>
May,	1885....	140 Vols.	153 Vols.	293 Vols.
June,	"	124 "	254 "	378 "
July,	"	54 "	224 "	278 "
August,	"	86 "	204 "	290 "
September,	"	95 "	123 "	218 "
October,	"	107 "	183 "	290 "
November,	"	96 "	128 "	224 "
December,	"	138 "	193 "	331 "
January,	"	139 "	228 "	367 "
February,	"	125 "	162 "	287 "
March,	"	180 "	202 "	382 "
April,	"	171 "	161 "	332 "
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		1,445	1,225	3,670

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE appointed
to examine the books and other property of
the Association.

To the Board of Directors of the Mercantile Library Association:

GENTLEMEN: The Committee appointed by your Board to examine the books and property of the Association have performed the duties required of them, and report the following:

They visited the Library on Thursday afternoon, April 22d.

An inspection of the books contained in the numerous alcoves extending from the second floor of the building up to the roof, showed them to be generally in good condition.

They presented a neat and cleanly appearance on the shelves, showing good care and attention on the part of the employees.

Your Committee were much pleased with the appearance of the bound volumes of newspapers and magazines which have recently been placed in duck binding. It seems to be a strong material, and if what is claimed for it be true we think it a superior binding to the leather with which the heavier books have heretofore been bound.

Very respectfully,

A. W. SHERMAN,
WILLIAM G. DAVIES,
W. H. LEWIS.

NEW YORK, April 27th, 1886.

The past winter has witnessed a revived interest among our citizens in matters pertaining to public Libraries.

The introduction and passage by Congress of the bill providing a new building for the National Library, the introduction in the Legislature of this State of a bill to establish a free circulating Library in this city to be supported by municipal funds, and the discussion which ensued on the merits and defects of this particular bill, and of libraries in general, all aided to increase this interest.

The name of this Library has been freely used in connection with this subject, and the statement publicly made that the management of this Institution were ready, in case the bill introduced in the Legislature at Albany was passed, to hand over the books and property to the incorporators of the free library. We desire to say here that all such statements are without any foundation and totally unwarranted.

No member of your Board was ever consulted about this bill, nor has the subject ever been officially considered by them.

To dispose of the property of the Library in the manner proposed, no Board of Direction would have the power without first obtaining the consent of a majority of the members of the Association.

We do not object to a free library, and as individuals, cordially welcome that which would educate and assist in promoting the welfare of the masses of the people.

It is our opinion, however, that the members of the Mercantile Library Association, and of the Clinton Hall Association, should always have charge and control of the property, which under wise and careful management has grown to such large proportions.

Before closing our Report, we cannot omit a word of praise for the efficient manner in which our able librarian and his staff have devoted themselves to the discharge of their duties. Amid the various, and sometimes vexatious demands of their vocation, they have uniformly conducted themselves with the most commendable courtesy and regard for the comforts and requirements of our members, on behalf of the Board.

JAMES MAGEE, *President.*

Sixty-fifth Annual Meeting.

The Sixty-fifth annual meeting of the Mercantile Library Association was held in the Reading Room of the Library, Clinton Hall, on Tuesday evening, May 11, 1886.

The President, Mr. James Magee, occupied the Chair. The Secretary of the Association, Mr. A. Wetmore, Jr., read the minutes of the previous annual meeting, which on motion were approved.

The Treasurer being unable to attend the meeting, his report was read by the Secretary, who also read the report of Mr. M. C. D. Borden, Treasurer of the Clinton Hall Association.

On motion both of the above reports were accepted and ordered to be printed with the annual report.

The President then read the Sixty-fifth Annual Report of the Board of Directors, which was adopted, and one thousand copies ordered printed for distribution among the members.

On motion, a vote of thanks was tendered to the Board of Directors for the able and efficient manner in which the affairs of the Association had been managed during the year.

The meeting then adjourned.

A. WETMORE, JR.,

Secretary.

APPENDIXES TO ANNUAL REPORT

[APPENDIX I.]

TREASURER'S REPORT

OF THE

MERCANTILE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION,

For the Year ending April 30th, 1886.

RECEIPTS.

Balance April 30, 1885.....	\$ 2,423 48
Initiation Fees.....	1,482 00
Semi-Annual Dues.....	14,062 00
Duplicate Accounts.....	717 00
Amount received for extra Books and Fines.....	2,880 59
Catalogues.....	56 30
Duplicate books.....	1,302 81
Book Delivery.....	177 80
Old Paper.....	78 01
Interest.....	1,080 00
Clinton Hall.....	4,683 76
Permanent catalogue fund Interest.....	182 99
	<u>\$29,021 19</u>

EXPENDITURES.

Books.....	\$ 3,307 61
Periodicals.....	1,984 72
Binding.....	1,554 84
Fixtures.....	211 27
Light.....	526 90
Salaries.....	8,320 55
Incidentals.....	537 89
Liberty Street Branch Office.....	1,627 73
Fifth Avenue Branch.....	5,928 54
Stationery.....	1,161 00
Advertising.....	753 53
Catalogue.....	797 50
Book Delivery.....	443 15
Postage.....	112 38
Insurance.....	415 75
Balance, Lincoln National Bank, April 30, 1886.....	1,338 83
	<u>\$29,021 19</u>

[APPENDIX II.]

ANNUAL REPORT

—OF—

M. C. D. BORDEN,

Treasurer Clinton Hall Association.

May, 1886.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand, May 12, 1885.....	\$ 3,876 49
Rents collected, less repairs, expenses, &c.....	18,564 31
	<u>\$21,940 80</u>

EXPENDITURES.

Books.....	\$ 5,608 64
Binding.....	709 26
Coal.....	310 00
General Repairs.....	1,300 78
Janitor.....	399 96
Interest.....	3,745 00
Taxes.....	3,672 00
Safe Deposit Co.....	20 00
Searches, &c., in Changing Mortgage.....	470 15

MERCANTILE LIBRARY.

On Account Rent Liberty Street Branch.....	279 50
“ “ Fifth Avenue “	3,000 00
Cleaning, Lighting, &c.....	147 00
Clerical Services.....	500 00
Printing Annual Report.....	70 00
Cash on hand.....	1,713 51
	<u>\$21,940 80</u>

M. C. D. BORDEN,

Treasurer.

NEW YORK, May 11, 1886.

MERCANTILE LIBRARY

INSURANCE.

On Building.....	\$75,000 00
" Books.....	68,000 00
" Furniture.....	18,000 00
	<u>\$154,000 00</u>

BOOKS ADDED DURING THE YEAR, 3,464 VOLUMES,

CLASSIFIED AS FOLLOWS :

On Theology.....	111
" Mental and Moral Science.....	55
" Political Science.....	167
" Literature.....	461
" History, Geography and Travels.....	303
" Biography.....	173
" Mathematics.....	1
" Natural Science.....	50
" Medical Science.....	20
" Art.....	118
" Fiction.....	2,010
	<u>8,464</u>
Previous Purchases.....	45,739
Total number of volumes added by Clinton Hall.....	<u>49,203</u>

M. C. D. BORDEN,
Treasurer.

NEW YORK, May 11th, 1886.

[APPENDIX III.]

ANNUAL ADDITIONS OF MEMBERS AND BOOKS.

Expenditures for Books, Total Receipts, etc., from the 9th of November, 1820, to the 1st of May, 1886.

YEARS.	No. of Mem- bers who have joined the Library.	No. of Vols. acquired by purchase & donation.	Amount Ex- pended for Books and Periodicals.	Amount Ex- pended for Binding.	Donations Received.	Total Receipts.
1830-31	204	1,000	\$600 00		\$600 00	\$900 00
1832	76	250	273 00		150 00	510 00
1833	81	100	150 00		250 00	726 69
1834	77	175	208 00			712 23
1835	257	675	619 00	\$ 73 00	795 00	1,469 00
1836	471	1,000	756 72	190 28	785 75	2,346 42
1837	360	1,300	695 12	31 38		1,750 52
1838	295	1,000	330 27	146 25		1,572 47
1839	414	600	562 30	154 28		1,701 81
1840	486	600	567 91	99 25		1,755 82
1841	507	750	1,177 19	68 48		2,360 71
1842	383	864	1,107 36	197 55		2,033 58
1843	382	1,379	1,303 98	224 20		2,978 98
1844	393	1,090	1,278 30	229 29		2,977 59
1845	680	1,522	2,126 32	238 51		4,333 18
1846	867	1,845	2,286 74	250 70		5,110 80
1847	936	2,547	2,806 47	186 04		6,109 20
1848	1,003	2,471	3,115 72	423 91		7,477 99
1849	1,097	3,583	4,278 23	729 60		8,082 15
1840	501	390	1,995 19	615 42		7,071 17
1841	627	1,139	1,495 12	591 75		6,935 30
1842	308	1,252	2,179 79	670 77		5,567 70
1843	252	405	797 80	536 85		4,355 86
1844	387	745	708 35	271 25		3,959 30
1845	582	1,428	1,628 60	402 65		4,082 04
1846	609	1,883	2,072 59	500 34		5,044 61
1847	687	2,258	3,311 95	549 19		5,902 90
1848	681	2,376	3,392 71	445 52		6,386 21
1849	1,013	2,517	3,531 83	600 25		7,307 06
1850	1,116	1,865	2,608 63	286 72	3,000 00	10,691 95
1851	1,041	2,957	4,050 01	560 84		8,290 00
1852	1,293	4,346	4,786 35	889 67		9,931 72
1853	991	2,900	3,916 54	418 96		8,029 82
1854	1,216	2,400	3,019 07	381 26		9,691 95
1855-56	1,783	3,588	4,477 42	1,475 44		14,223 95
1856-57	1,088	1,521	1,384 21	661 10		10,453 95
1857-58	877	824	1,615 93	581 77		9,182 50
1858-59	969	3,040	3,537 80	521 53		9,509 59
1859-60	1,080	3,183	3,259 52	342 87	10,050 00	20,615 86
1860-61	1,109	2,837	3,141 27	318 62	50 00	11,349 19
1861-62	792	1,322	2,663 41	135 72	400 00	10,276 47
1862-63	803	4,581	3,358 70	817 03		12,711 21
1863-64	1,564	6,047	7,412 80	318 28		17,638 94
1864-65	2,830	7,408	10,420 81	586 60	4,000 00	20,146 81
1865-66	3,332	9,023	11,639 18	582 90	2,000 00	41,761 01
1866-67	2,825	10,090	12,479 11	1,000 45		40,380 36
1867-68	2,689	9,351	11,075 29	690 24	5,000 00	41,722 50
1868-69	2,434	12,024	13,092 98	593 75		38,014 82
1869-70	3,129	13,000	11,594 97	1,577 75		40,468 00
1870-71	2,379	12,210	10,831 01	1,414 70		42,258 81
1871-72	2,511	10,914	10,491 88	2,030 58		44,678 31
1872-73	2,004	6,919	6,521 26	2,398 85		38,869 46
1873-74	1,860	5,455	10,174 08	951 37	1,500 00	35,980 67
1874-75	1,850	9,062	10,387 00	591 59		34,637 83
1875-76	1,694	10,618	11,329 44	1,116 05	1,000 00	34,907 02
1876-77	1,584	10,198	10,307 34	1,180 24		35,094 76
1877-78	1,806	8,331	7,420 71	1,148 80	5,000 00	34,799 02
1878-79	1,254	7,027	6,949 38	780 84		27,357 53
1879-80	1,481	6,439	5,633 74	750 66		26,556 32
1880-81	1,195	4,446	4,951 56	736 91		23,582 95
1881-82	1,080	4,897	4,001 51	1,547 83		21,095 65
1882-83	976	5,230	3,578 99	1,426 12		22,022 52
1883-84	1,347	5,853	4,751 93	1,230 15		26,051 06
1884-85	1,253	6,290	4,452 23	1,507 14		27,305 84
1885-86	1,482	7,349	5,292 33	1,554 34		29,021 13
	72,733	261,099	\$282,371 85	\$41,375 43	\$34,580 75	\$1,011,780 60

[APPENDIX IV.]

CIRCULATION.

The following Table shows the number of books delivered annually from the 30th of April, 1859, to the 30th of April, 1886. Prior to the former date there is no accurate record of the circulation of the Library.

YEAR.	Total Issue.	Delivered at Main Library.	Delivered at Down Town Office.	Delivered at Other Branch Offices.	Delivered at Residence.	No. of Volumes Standard Literature delivered.	No. of Volumes Fiction delivered.	No. of Volumes in Foreign Languages delivered.	Daily Average. The Figures in this col. prior to those for '07 are approximate only.	Largest Circulation in one day.	Date of last column.
1859-60	64,303	46,097	18,166			40,102	184,117	3,696	696	1,573	Aug. 10.
1860-61	79,773	64,218	15,555			54,137	141,214	6,888	718	1,346	Feb. 27.
1861-62	85,576	76,887	8,689		8,946	52,303	150,916	6,947	712	1,832	Feb. 19.
1862-63	85,373	70,034	15,339		11,428	57,372	169,646	7,292	700	1,737	Mar. 18.
1863-64	102,049	85,092	16,957		11,882	81,519	172,522	14,943	879	1,737	Jan. 20.
1864-65	189,009	156,437	32,572		12,860	73,167	170,329	16,149	836	1,647	Jan. 20.
1865-66	178,218	154,952	23,266		12,300	62,489	159,889	17,155	780	1,343	Jan. 25.
1866-67	306,120	169,219	39,901		5,791	60,970	128,064	15,508	697	1,467	Jan. 30.
1867-68	303,894	151,588	44,060		2,422	58,584	127,795	16,766	670	1,463	Mar. 18.
1868-69	210,066	156,558	46,080		4,383	57,223	118,949	14,697	695	1,506	Mar. 2.
1869-70	234,120	175,110	47,896		5,436	56,001	120,287	11,992	619	2,052	Aug. 11.
1870-71	299,084	184,780	53,012		4,970	57,428	108,864	11,644	630	975	Mar. 1.
1871-72	250,845	164,253	58,439	19,390	3,946	62,535	85,323	10,951	518	861	Mar. 6.
1872-73	293,533	193,696	51,378	24,284	3,639	59,909	73,070	13,984	512	1,096	Jan. 15.
1873-74	304,632	194,995	44,576	15,153	2,705	56,997	82,090	13,984	411	754	June 21.
1874-75	393,145	154,395	46,355		1,830	46,539	61,787	9,894	408	673	Feb. 24.
1875-76	190,820	139,057	46,489		1,695	48,614	53,037	12,013	413	878	Mar. 15.
1876-77	188,850	137,337	46,087		2,064	40,944	63,532	12,889	455	931	Feb. 28.
1877-78	177,095	132,069	40,873		2,733	51,407	69,206	12,889	455	931	Jan. 23.
1878-79	158,799	126,308	38,545	8,828	3,254	55,401	74,086	13,558	408	1,008	Jan. 23.
1879-80	143,251	107,414	33,370	11,344							
1880-81	156,671	117,145	35,477	9,327							
1881-82	120,345	84,320	24,668								
1882-83	112,375	83,131	27,549								
1883-84	126,089	79,066	35,732	19,327							
1884-85	132,502	73,932	35,405	81,342							
1885-86	143,105	75,352	35,615	33,884							

[APPENDIX V.]

Book Account.

Number of volumes, April 30th, 1885.....	207,123
“ “ added this year by purchase....	7,050
“ “ “ “ donation....	299
	<hr/> 7,349
French Books added.....	535
German “	445
English “	6,369
	<hr/> 7,349
Folio and Quarto.....	546
Octavo	1,400
Duodecimo, etc.....	5,403
	<hr/> 7,349
On Theology.....	215
“ Mental and Moral Science.....	107
“ Political Science.....	375
“ Natural Science.....	122
“ Literature.....	1,203
“ History, Geography and Travels ...	795
“ Biography.....	370
“ Mathematics.....	1
“ Medicine.....	86
“ Arts	266
“ English Fiction.....	3,267
“ French “	322
“ German “	220
	<hr/> 7,349
Less Surplus and Imperfect Books sold	4,936
	<hr/> 2,413
Total No. of Volumes, April 30th, 1886.....	209,536
Books added by Clinton Hall Association.....	3,464
Pamphlets added.....	865

[APPENDIX VI.]

EXECUTIVE FORCE.

Librarian.

WM. T. PEOPLES.

Assistant Librarian.

T. J. TITUS.

Catalogue Department.

CHARLES BRUN.

LOUIS BATTRÉ.

Book-keeper and Cashier.

T. J. McSTRAVICK.

*Desk Clerks.*CHAS. COX, *Chief.*

GEO. RANDORF.

JOHN J. McSTRAVICK.

Collector.

THOS. CRINNIGAN.

Reading Room Attendant.

MISS LAURA BONN.

Liberty Street Branch.

JAMES H. WOOD.

Fifth Avenue Branch.

JOHN J. O'BRIEN.

JOHN GERDES.

MISS N. S. FOWLER.

Messengers.

EDWIN ARTHUR.

CHAS. GUILLOUD.

Janitor.

JOHN CRINNIGAN.

[APPENDIX VII.]

LIST OF DONORS

TO THE

Mercantile Library Association,

For the Year ending April 30, 1886.

	VOLS.	PAM.
Albany, N. Y., Young Men's Association for Mutual Improvement.....		1
American Antiquarian Society.....		3
" Bible Society.....		1
" Geographical Society.....		4
" New Church Tract and Publication Society.....		1
" Pharmaceutical Association.....	1	
" Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.....		1
Andover, Mass., Theological Seminary.....		1
Baltimore, Md., Johns Hopkins University.....		12
" " Peabody Institute.....	1	1
Bangor, Me., Q. P. Index.....		1
Bell, Clark.....		1
Bent, Silas. St. Louis, Mo.....		1
Blair, Henry W., Senator, Plymouth, N. H.....	4	
Boston, Mass., Bostonian Society.....		1
" " Office of City Messenger.....	3	
" " Public Library.....		4
Bradlee, C. D., Rev., Boston, Mass.....		6
Bridgeport, Conn., Public Library.....		1
Brookline, Mass., Public Library.....		1
Brooklyn, Department of Public Instruction.....	3	
" Brighton Beach Racing Association.....		1
" Brooklyn Daily Eagle.....	1	
" Brooklyn Library.....		6
" New England Society.....	1	
Brunswick, Me., Bowdoin College.....		2
Buffalo, N. Y., Young Men's Association.....		1
" " Young Men's Library.....	1	
Burlington, Vt., Fletcher Free Library.....		1
" " University of Vermont.....		1
Cambridge, Mass., Harvard University.....		4
Cattell, W. C., D.D., LL.D., Rev., Philadelphia, Pa.....	1	

	VOLS.	PAM.
Chicago, Ill., Public Library.....		1
Cincinnati, O., Board of Education.....	5	
" " Chamber of Commerce.....	1	
" " Public Library.....	8	11
Clarke, John C. C., Upper Alton, Ill.....	1	
Cleveland, O., Plain Dealer Publishing Co.....		1
" " Public Library.....		1
Comba, T. E., Brooklyn.....		1
Commercial Bulletin Print.....		1
Danvers, Mass., Peabody Institute.....		1
Davenport, Iowa, Davenport Academy of Natural Sciences.....		1
Detroit, Mich., Board of Education.....		1
Dorsheimer, Wm.....	4	
Ellis, John, M.D., Edgewater, N. J.....		2
Francis, Joseph.....	1	
Georgia Historical Society.....		1
Germantown, Philadelphia, Pa., Friend's Free Library and Reading Room.....		1
Glasgow, Mitchell Library.....		1
Goodridge, John C., Jr.....		2
Greenwood, Isaac J., A. M.....		1
Gunn, Robert A., M.D.....	1	
Harden, Wm., Savannah, Ga.....		1
Hartford, Conn., Library Association.....		2
" " Steam Boiler Inspection and Insurance Company.....	1	
" " Trinity College.....		3
Helleberg, C. G., Cincinnati, O.....	1	
Hoyne, Mrs. Thomas, Chicago, Ill.....	1	
Illinois State Board of Agriculture.....		1
Iowa (State of) State Library.....	1	1
Keppler & Schwarzmann.....	1	
King, George Gordon, Newport, R. I.....	2	
Knoth, Dr. L.....		4
Kohler, K., Rev. Dr.....		1
Kurtz, Charles M.....	1	
Lawrence, Mass., Free Public Library.....		1
Leeds, Josiah W., Philadelphia, Pa.....	1	1
Liverpool, England, Free Public Library, Museum, and Walker Art Gallery.....		1
London, Engl., Office of the "Diplomatic Review." 1 Port- folio, etc.....	5	
London, Engl., Society of Arts.....	2	3
Lowell, Mass., Middlesex Mechanics Association.....		1
Lynn, Mass., Public Library.....		2
McClurg & Co., A. C., Chicago, Ill.....	1	
McCook, A. G., General.....	5	
Macnaughtan's Sons, Wm.....		1
Manchester, Engl., Public Free Libraries.....		1
Manchester, N. H., City Library.....		1
Massachusetts (State of) Bureau of Statistics of Labor.....	2	
Mexican Legation, Washington, D. C.....		1

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	VOLS.	PAM.
Meylert, Asa P., M.D.	1	
National Board of Trade.....		2
New Bedford, Mass., Free Public Library.....		1
New Haven, Conn., Yale College.....		8
New Jersey (State of) State Geologist, 10 Maps, etc.....	2	
“ “ “ “ State Library.....	1	
New York (City of) Board of Education.....	4	
“ “ “ “ Police Justices.....	1	
“ “ “ “ Common Council.....	5	
“ “ “ “ Department of Public Parks.....		1
“ “ “ “ Depart. of Public Parks, Central Park Menagerie.....		1
“ “ “ “ Health Department.....	7	42
“ “ “ “ Meteorological Observatory.....	4	16
“ “ (State of) Chamber of Commerce.....	16	1
“ “ “ “ Civil Service Commission.....	1	
“ “ “ “ Secretary of State.....	16	
“ “ “ “ State Library.....	1	
“ “ “ “ Academy of Sciences.....	1	6
“ “ “ “ American Steam Boiler Insurance Co.....	1	
“ “ “ “ Veterinary College.....		1
“ “ “ “ Apprentice's Library.....		1
“ “ “ “ Association of the Bar of the City of New York		1
“ “ “ “ Astor Library.....		1
“ “ “ “ Cancer Hospital.....		1
“ “ “ “ College of the City of New York.....		1
“ “ “ “ Committee on Evacuation Day Celebration.....	1	
“ “ “ “ Free Circulating Library.....		1
“ “ “ “ General Society of Mechanics and Tradesmen..		1
“ “ “ “ German Society of the City of New York.....		2
“ “ “ “ Harvard Club of New York City.....	1	
“ “ “ “ Home for Incurables.....		2
“ “ “ “ Industrial Education Association.....		3
“ “ “ “ Institution for the Blind.....		2
“ “ “ “ Maimonides Library.....		2
“ “ “ “ Manhattan Eye and Ear Hospital.....		1
“ “ “ “ New York Arcade Railway Co.....		1
“ “ “ “ Cable Railway Co.....		1
“ “ “ “ Dispensary.....		1
“ “ “ “ Hospital and Bloomingdale Asylum.....		2
“ “ “ “ Infant Asylum.....		5
“ “ “ “ Produce Exchange.....	2	
“ “ “ “ Roosevelt Hospital.....		1
“ “ “ “ St. Nicholas Society.....	1	
“ “ “ “ Sheltering Arms.....		1
“ “ “ “ Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children		1
“ “ “ “ Society for the Relief of the Ruptured and Crippled.....		1
“ “ “ “ Society Library.....		4
“ “ “ “ State Medical Association.....	1	
“ “ “ “ State Pharmaceutical Association.....	1	6
“ “ “ “ Thirteen Club.....		1

	VOLS.	PAM.
New York Union Defence Committee.....	1	
" " Woman's Medical College of the New York Infirmary.....		1
Newark, N. J., Newark Library Association.....		1
Newburyport, Mass., Public Library.....		1
Newport, R. I., Newport Natural History Society.....		3
" " Redwood Library and Athenæum.....		1
Newton, Mass., Newton Free Library.....		1
Paterson, N. J., Free Public Library.....	1	
Peabody, Mass., Peabody Institute.....		1
Peirce, F. Lizzie, Philadelphia, Pa.....		1
Perkins, F. B., San Francisco, Cal.....		1
Philadelphia, Pa., Academy of Natural Sciences.....		1
" " Alumni Association Philadelphia College of Pharmacy.....		1
" " Apprentice's Library Company.....		1
" " Board of Trade.....	1	
" " Indian Rights Association.....		1
" " Library Company.....		2
" " Mercantile Library Company.....		5
" " Numismatic and Antiquarian Society...	1	
" " Social Science Association.....		6
" " State Penitentiary for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.....		1
" " Woman's Medical College of Penna.....		1
Phillips, Henry, Jr., Philadelphia, Pa.....	1	
Pillsbury, Parker, Concord, N. H.....		1
Porter, Fitz-John, General, Morristown, N. J.....		5
Providence, R. I., Brown University.....		1
" " Providence Athenæum.....		1
" " " Public Library.....		2
Roberts, A. Sydney, M.D., Philadelphia, Pa.....		1
Roberts, Milton Josiah, M.D.....		1
Rochester, N. Y., University of Rochester.....		1
Royal Society of Canada.....	1	
St. Louis, Mo., Mercantile Library Association.....		1
" " Public School Library.....		1
Salem, Mass., Essex Institute.....		1
San Francisco, Cal., Chamber of Commerce.....		1
" " Mercantile Library Association.....		1
" " Odd Fellow's Library Association. ...		1
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Sprague, Charles E.....	1	
Springfield, Mass., City Library Association.....		1
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OFFICERS AND MEMBERS
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[APPENDIX X.]

TRUSTEES OF THE PERMANENT CATALOGUE FUND.

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Sixty-sixth Annual Report.

Fellow Members :

It becomes my duty this evening, on behalf of the Board of Directors and in compliance with the provisions of the Constitution by which we are governed, to render an accounting of our business and transactions for the fiscal year which ended with the 30th of April last.

EXTENT AND GROWTH OF THE LIBRARY.

The number of books added to the Library during the year was 6,318 volumes.

Of this number, 6,005 volumes were obtained by purchase, 313 volumes through donations.

The number of duplicate books sold, together with the imperfect books and those condemned on account of their worn condition, amounted to 1,518 volumes. Deducting this number from the gross accessions makes the net increase for the year 4,800 volumes.

The total number of volumes in the Library April 30th, 1887, is 214,336 volumes.

It has been observed that as the number of cheap and poorly printed books multiply, the tastes of our readers become more fastidious and exacting.

Books printed before the present glut of cheap literature, the typography of which appeared to be perfectly satisfactory at the time they were issued, are now refused and editions with more legible texts demanded. As has frequently been the case, these books have not been issued in any other form ; therefore it has not been possible for us to comply with the demands of some of our readers.

We have found there is no economy in buying books printed on cheap paper and with indistinct type.

They quickly wear out and do not give satisfaction to our members; therefore where it has been possible the best editions of the new publications have always been purchased.

MEMBERSHIP.

The total number of members on April 30th, 1886, was....3,681

Active Members added during the year..... 252

Subscribing " " " " 1,201

— 1,453

Active Members' accounts closed 300

Subscribing " " " " 1,084

— 1,384

Making an increase for the year of. 69

Total.... 3,750

Number of Active Members April 30th, 1887.....1,457

" Subscribing " " 2,293

" Honorary " " 62

" Editors using Library " 40

Members of Clinton Hall Association 1,701

Total number of persons entitled to use the Library,

April 30th, 1887..... 5,553

But one honorary member was added to our list during the year, viz., Mr. Geo. P. Fitch, for many years an officer of the Farmers Loan and Trust Co., of this city.

We regret that at the first opportunity afforded to announce the election of Mr. Fitch as an honorary member of the Library, it also

becomes our painful duty to record his death. He was elected in May, and his death occurred in the following March.

Three others of our honorary members have died since the last report.

The Hon. Nathan C. Ely, Hon. Chas. Francis Adams, and Hon. Samuel J. Tilden.

Mr. Ely was a well known and respected citizen of this city.

The lives and history of the other two gentlemen are too well known to require any extended remarks here.

For twelve years previous to his death Mr. Tilden made almost constant use of our Library.

Are we justified in thinking that the incentive for his great and incomparable gift to the people of this city, was induced by his use of our Library and the knowledge thereby gained of the great benefits to be derived from such institutions as this and such as he has left so large a sum to establish? Let us hope, at least, that such was the case.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

As will be seen from an inspection of the Treasurer's report, our income from all sources was \$28,827.¹²/₁₀₀.

The expenditures were \$26,991.74.

The amount expended for books, binding and periodicals was \$5,331.²/₁₀₀. Add to this sum \$5,400.69, expended by the Clinton Hall Association, makes the total expenditures for books, etc., \$10,732.⁹¹/₁₀₀.

The Treasurer's report gives in detail the other items of expense.

The \$15,000 loaned to Maurice O'Meara, on the house and lot No. 448 Pearl Street, has been paid. This money is now on deposit with Farmers' Loan and Trust Co., awaiting a safe and permanent investment.

CIRCULATION.

The total circulation for the year was 149,355 volumes, an increase of 6,250 over the circulation of last year,

The classification of the books circulated is as follows :

Theology.....	1,975	
Mental and Moral Science.....	2,039	
Political Science.....	2,612	
Literature.....	20,836	
History, Geography and Travels ..	14,194	
Biography.....	7,915	
Mathematics.....	186	
Natural Science.....	2,061	
Medical Science.....	970	
Arts.....	3,195	
Fiction, English.....	81,384	
" French.....	7,970	
" German.....	3,960	
" other foreign.....	58	149,355

The circulation by months was :

May.....	12,955 volumes.
June.....	11,829 "
July.....	9,263 "
August.....	8,273 "
September.....	9,714 "
October.....	11,885 "
November.....	12,904 "
December.....	13,448 "
January.....	14,244 "
February.....	13,740 "
March.....	17,057 "
April.....	14,043 "

149,355 volumes.

The average monthly circulation was 12,446 $\frac{1}{2}$ volumes.

The largest monthly circulation was in March, 17,057 volumes, and the smallest in August, 8,273 volumes.

The average daily circulation was 488 volumes.

The largest number of books issued in one day was 984, on March 19th, and the smallest was on August 28th, 241 volumes.

The number of notices sent to members for the return of books kept over time was 3,478.

To the above circulation should be added the books used in the Reference Department, which will make the total number of books used during the year 179,355 volumes.

The circulation was divided as follows :

From the Library, Astor Place.....	79,093	volumes.
“ Fifth Avenue Branch.....	41,910	“
“ Down-town Branch	26,176	“
Delivered at members' residences.....	2,176	“
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	149,355	volumes.

The increase of circulation is :

Library Astor Place.....	741	volumes.
Fifth Avenue Branch.....	6,026	“
Down-town Branch	561	“

The number of books delivered at members' residences shows a decrease of 1,078 volumes as compared with last year's delivery.

READERS' AIDS.

In addition to issuing bulletin No. 9, containing the new books to October, 1886, 5,600 accession lists were distributed to members free of charge. 4,000 of these pertained to English books and 1,600 to French and German books.

The public card catalogue for the Fifth Avenue Branch has been completed. This catalogue at present contains 20,622 cards and 712 guides.

A card catalogue has also been made for the books at the Down-town Branch. The new set of guides for both the public and official card catalogues at the main Library is now complete. They number 1,965 for each catalogue.

BRANCHES.

Our Up-town Branch on Fifth Avenue, and the Down-town Branch in Liberty Street, continue to be popular with our members, as is evidenced by the increased business. Our lease of the premises 62 Liberty Street, which we have occupied for the past three years, expired on the 1st inst. The extent of our business at this branch required that we should have more space. Especially was more room necessary to accommodate the members who resorted to this office to read the periodicals kept on file there. Accordingly, more spacious rooms have been secured in the “Al-Burtis Building,”

at No. 33 Liberty Street, with an entrance from 48 Maiden Lane. We have leased these rooms for a period of three years at a yearly rental of \$850.

It has been the policy of your Board to popularize the use of this Office and enable members to obtain as many books as possible without the delay of sending to the main library.

To this end, as many of the works of the standard authors as well as a portion of the new publications, which the limited space at our disposal would permit, have been placed on the shelves.

Now that more space has been obtained we think this policy should be continued.

We are of the opinion, however, that if these books are to be of service to those members who rely upon this office for their reading, the system of allowing them to be returned to the main Library should be discontinued.

From this cause it has been found impossible to keep the collection complete.

The rule should be that a book must be returned at the place from whence it was taken.

The number of books issued from this office during the year was 26,176 volumes, an average daily circulation of 85 volumes.

The number of volumes distributed from the Fifth Avenue Branch was 41,910.

The average monthly circulation was 3,492½ volumes.

The average daily circulation was 142 volumes.

The largest daily circulation was on March 19th, 1887, 348 volumes, and the smallest, 42 volumes, on August 31st.

The rooms were closed from August 16th to August 30th.

BOARD OF DIRECTION.

In May last Mr. Burdell Johnson resigned his position as a director, and his place was filled by the election of Mr. T. S. Rumney.

In June Mr. W. J. Merritt, who was elected Secretary of the Association resigned, and the vacancy was filled by Mr. Roger S. Bacon's election by the Board.

READING ROOM STATISTICS.

Library, Astor Place.		Fifth Avenue Branch.	
	Attendance.		Attendance.
1886—May	3,339	1886—May	1,906
June	3,363	June	1,690
July	1,707	July	434
August	1,660	August	163
September	2,339	September	908
October	2,823	October	1,423
November	2,805	November	1,462
December	2,776	December	1,755
1887—January	2,927	1887—January	1,655
February	2,377	February	2,009
March	2,669	March	2,647
April	3,026	April	2,243
Total	31,811	Total	18,415
Monthly average	2,651	Monthly average	1,535
Daily average, 306 days	104	Daily average, 294 days	63

POSTAGE ON LIBRARY BOOKS.

To those familiar with the workings of our Library, it is well known that we have been accustomed for many years to supply books to responsible persons residing at a distance from the city, and in remote places where there are no library facilities.

This has been done upon the same terms as were given to residents of the city, excepting the out-of-town member has to pay the charges for mailing or expressing the books to and from the Library.

To many people, and especially those who read considerable and obtain books frequently, this extra charge for postage becomes quite onerous.

While newspapers and the cheap serial publications are allowed to be sent from the office of publication through the mails at the rate of one cent per pound, the postage on a book sent to or from a library is one cent for every two ounces, or just eight times as great.

In June last the following letter appeared in the *Evening Post* of this city :

To the Editor of the Evening Post :

SIR—Ought not incorporated circulating libraries—such, for example, as the Mercantile of New York—to be allowed to send out their books and to receive them again through the mails as second-class matter for one cent a pound, the rate on newspapers sent directly from the office of publication.

The argument for carrying periodicals at this low figure would be that it is for the interest of the nation to encourage the circulation of newspapers and magazines as increasing popular intelligence.

The same argument could be used regarding the wider circulation of books from libraries.

Most of the books one wishes to read, including even the standard works, he does not care to read more than once. This being so, few feel able to buy many books out and out. But thousands upon thousands in villages and rural districts would become subscribers to the large city libraries if they could obtain books through the mail at a cost of but two, five, or seven cents a volume, coming and going, instead of fifteen or twenty cents, as at present postal rates.

And a great increase in the number of readers would lead to great increase in the number of books published.

Again, when, as at present in our country, one must buy out and out each book he reads, the book must be issued at a low price, which again means an inferior style. If there could be a greater number of readers for each volume, it could be issued on better paper and better type.

In Great Britain, where the population is so compact that the great circulating libraries can have depots in every hamlet, even ephemeral books, like works of fiction, can be issued in the best typography. The same would be the case in this country if the circulating libraries could reach the people.

The directors of a single library could appoint a committee to bring this matter before the Postal Committees of the two houses of Congress.

Better still, perhaps, the American Library Association, which meets in Milwaukee July 7th, could take up the subject.

If the libraries, being less influential in "practical" politics than the newspapers, cannot secure as low rates of postage as are granted the latter, let them get what they can. Possibly the express companies might be induced to carry library books to and from country subscribers at special rates which the latter could afford to pay.

If a library had a large number of out-of-town subscribers, it might have to organize a special mail department, with perhaps

some special style of wrappers. Experience might suggest several new methods. But all difficulties regarding details could be obviated by a little study.

N. F.

Corning, N. Y. June 29th.

As was suggested in the above letter, this matter was brought to the attention of the Librarians' Conference and the following action taken.

The committee to which the subject was referred reported the following resolutions, which were accepted and adopted :

Whereas, The Congress of the United States provides by law for the carrying of newspapers and periodicals from the office of publication as second-class matter, at one cent per pound, for the purpose of more widely diffusing knowledge and increasing intelligence : and

Whereas, The distribution of books through the mails at the same rate of postage would tend, in a still greater degree, to the cultivation of the people ; therefore

Resolved, That this Association, representing the libraries of the country, would earnestly recommend such legislation by Congress as shall enable libraries to distribute books as second-class matter.

Resolved, That the following-named committee be appointed to secure such legislation : Messrs. Wm. F. Poole, A. R. Spofford, M. Chamberlain, W. T. Peoples, and F. M. Crunden.

During last winter, whilst Congress was in session, several members of the above committee proceeded to Washington and had interviews with the Postmaster-General, and with several of the members of the Committee on Post-Office and Post Roads of both houses of Congress.

These interviews resulted in the introduction of the following bill by Mr. Stahlnecker, of this State.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That on and after the first day of July, eighteen hundred and eighty-seven, all books may be transmitted through the mails at the uniform rate of one cent per pound, as provided for mail-matter of the second class by section one of the act approved March third, eighteen hundred and eighty-five, making appropriations for the service of the Post-Office Department for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and eighty-six, and for other purposes : *Provided*, That no

more than one copy of the same work may be mailed at the same time to the same individual.

SEC. 2. That all acts and parts of acts in conflict with these provisions are hereby repealed.

The above bill was referred to the Committee on the Post-Office and Post Roads of the House of Representatives, but failed to be acted upon for want of time in which to consider it.

From the experience we have had, and judging from the inquiries we receive from various parts of the country where no library exists, we are convinced we could be of great service to those who have no other means of obtaining reading matter except at a great outlay of money, were it possible to get books to them at reduced rates of postage.

As this subject will probably be revived at the next session of Congress, we trust all friends of the measure will render all the aid in their power to secure the legislation necessary to accomplish the object in view.

The following is the report of the Committee appointed to examine the books and other property of the Association :

To the Board of Directors of the Mercantile Library Association :

GENTLEMEN—The Committee appointed to make the customary yearly examination of the books and other property of the Association report that they have made a careful examination of the same, and find the books well arranged on the shelves, and, considering the usage to which they are subjected, generally in a good state of preservation.

Your Committee were much interested in watching the distribution of books, and were impressed, not only with the excessive labor required in traversing the large area necessary to hold the present collection of 214,000 volumes, but also with the inadaptability of the building, as at present arranged, for quickly and economically handling the books.

The space remaining for the accommodation of the future additions to the Library seems to be exceedingly small.

We suggest that, when the matter of more room for the accessions shall be considered, the necessity of having all the books possible near the distributing point shall have due consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

S. PUTNAM,
CHAS. F. ALLEN, } *Committee.*

Mr. Samuel Putnam has given the Board of Direction notice, as required by Section 1 of Article V. of the Constitution, that he will offer several amendments to the Constitution.

In closing this, the sixty-sixth annual report of our Association, it is with pleasure that we are able to say that our Institution is entirely free from debt.

We believe that during the year the demands and needs of the members have been very fully met.

Notwithstanding the multiplication and increased sale of cheap literature, our circulation has increased over that of the previous year 6,250 volumes.

Our collection of books now numbers 214,336 volumes, the fifth largest in our country.

From a review of the condition of our Institution, we think there are reasons for congratulation.

On behalf of the Board of Direction,

JOHN BYERS,

President.

New York, May 10th, 1887.

Sixty-sixth Annual Meeting.

The Sixty-sixth Annual Meeting of the Mercantile Library Association was held in the reading room, Clinton Hall, on Tuesday evening, May 10th, 1887.

The meeting was called to order at 8.15 o'clock.

The President of the Association, Mr. John Byers, occupied the chair.

The minutes of the Sixty-fifth Annual Meeting were read by the Secretary, and on motion adopted.

The Secretary read the report of the Treasurer of the Clinton Hall Association, which, on motion, was received and ordered to be printed with the Annual Report.

The report of the Treasurer of the Mercantile Library Association was read, and on motion adopted.

The President then read the Sixty-sixth Annual Report of the Association, which on motion was adopted and 1,000 copies ordered to be printed for the use of the members.

The following amendments to the Constitution of the Association, which were submitted by Mr. Samuel Putnam, who had given the Board of Directors the required notice of thirty days, were adopted as read.

Strike out all of Section 1 of Article III., and substitute the following :

“The government of the Association shall be vested in a Board of Direction, which shall consist of twelve directors, who shall be chosen to hold office for three years, except as hereinafter provided with reference to the Board first elected after the adoption of this amendment.

“Each member of this Board of Direction shall have one vote,

excepting the President, who shall vote only in case of an equal division of the Board of Direction and upon the election of honorary members."

Strike out all of Section 2 of Article III. and substitute the following :

"Immediately after the members of the Board of Direction, chosen at the first election after the adoption of Section 1 of Article III. of this Constitution, shall be assembled, they shall be divided by lot into three equal classes. The seats of the Directors of the first class shall be vacated at the end of the first year, of the second class at the end of the second year, of the third class at the end of the third year, so that one-third may be chosen every year."

In Section 6 of Article III. strike out the word "officers" and substitute the word "directors."

Make the following the 7th Section of Article III.:

"The officers of the Board of Direction shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. They shall be elected by and from the Board of Direction to hold office for one year. The officers of the Board of Direction shall be officers of the Association."

Make Section 7 of Article III. Section 8,

Section 8 make Section 9,

Section 13 make Section 14,

" 9 " " 10,

" 14 " " 15,

" 10 " " 11,

" 15 " " 16,

" 11 " " 12,

" 16 " " 17,

" 12 " " 13,

" 17 " " 18,

and strike out the word "month" and in lieu thereof insert the word "week."

On motion, the meeting adjourned.

A. WETMORE, JR.,

Secretary.

[APPENDIX I.]

TREASURER'S REPORT

OF THE

MERCANTILE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION,

For the Year ending April 30th, 1887.

RECEIPTS.

Balance April 30, 1886.....	\$ 1,338 33
Initiation fees.....	1,453 00
Semi-Annual dues.....	14,382 00
Duplicate Accounts.....	693 00
Amount received for extra books and fines.....	3,061 18
Catalogues.....	48 38
Duplicate books.....	732 00
Book delivery.....	108 60
Old paper.....	47 55
Interest.....	1,025 00
Clinton Hall.....	5,754 79
Permanent Catalogue Fund Interest.....	123 28
	<u>\$28,827 12</u>

EXPENDITURES.

Books.....	\$1,677 86
Periodicals.....	2,447 83
Binding.....	1,206 23
Light.....	391 80
Salaries.....	9,206 62
Incidentals.....	569 29
Liberty Street Branch Office.....	1,636 85
Fifth Avenue Branch Office.....	7,246 53
Stationery.....	490 60
Catalogue.....	881 25
Book Delivery.....	304 00
Postage.....	148 14
Fixtures.....	87 39
Advertising.....	290 60
Insurance.....	406 75
Balance, Lincoln National Bank.....	1,835 38
	<u>\$28,827 12</u>

[APPENDIX II.]

ANNUAL REPORT
—OF—
M. C. D. BORDEN,
Treasurer Clinton Hall Association.
May 1887.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand, May, 10, 1886.....	\$ 1,713 51
Rents collected, less repairs, expenses, etc.....	18,690 89
	<u>\$20,404 40</u>

EXPENDITURES.

Books.....	\$ 5,400 69
Binding.....	676 29
Coal.....	397 75
General repairs.....	276 51
Janitor.....	399 96
Interest.....	3,320 00
Taxes.....	3,586 35
Safe Deposit Co.....	20 00

MERCANTILE LIBRARY.

On Account Rent Liberty Street Branch.....	279 50
“ “ Fifth Avenue “.....	4,000 00
Cleaning, Lighting, etc.....	125 00
Clerical Services.....	600 00
Printing Annual Report.....	70 00
Cash on hand.....	1,252 35
	<u>\$20,404 40</u>

NEW YORK, May 10, 1887.

M. C. D. BORDEN,
Treasurer.

INSURANCE.

On Building.....	\$75,000 00
“ Books.....	66,000 00
“ Furniture.....	13,000 00
	<u>\$154,000 00</u>

BOOKS ADDED DURING THE YEAR, 3,826 VOLUMES.

CLASSIFIED AS FOLLOWS :

On Theology.....	107
“ Mental and Moral Science.....	88
“ Political Science.....	187
“ Literature.....	331
“ History, Geography and Travels.....	352
“ Biography.....	207
“ Mathematics.....	1
“ Natural Science.....	54
“ Medical Science.....	32
“ Art.....	122
“ Fiction.....	2,845
	<u>3,826</u>
Previous purchases.....	49,203
Total number of volumes added by Clinton Hall.....	<u>53,029</u>

NEW YORK, May 10, 1887.

M. C. D. BORDEN,
Treasurer.

[APPENDIX III.]

ANNUAL ADDITIONS OF MEMBERS AND BOOKS.

Expenditures for Books, Total Receipts, etc., from the 9th of November, 1820, to the 1st of May, 1887.

YEARS.	No. of Mem- bers who have joined the Library.	No. of Vols. acquired by purchase & donation.	Amount Ex- pended for books, and Periodicals.	Amount Ex- pended for Binding.	Donations received.	Total Receipts.
1820-21	204	1,000	\$600 00		\$800 00	\$900 00
1822	76	250	273 00		150 00	510 00
1823	81	100	150 00		250 00	725 00
1824	77	175	208 00			712 23
1825	257	675	619 00	\$73 00	795 00	1,469 00
1826	471	1,000	756 72	190 28	785 75	2,246 42
1827	360	1,200	695 12	31 38		1,750 52
1828	295	1,000	330 27	146 25		1,572 47
1829	414	600	562 30	154 28		1,701 81
1830	486	600	567 91	99 25		1,756 82
1831	507	750	1,177 19	68 48		2,380 71
1832	383	864	1,107 36	197 55		3,033 58
1833	382	1,379	1,303 98	224 20		2,978 98
1834	393	1,090	1,278 20	223 29		2,977 59
1835	680	1,522	2,126 32	238 51		4,333 18
1836	867	1,845	2,286 74	250 70		5,110 80
1837	936	2,547	2,806 47	186 04		6,109 20
1838	1,003	2,471	3,115 72	423 91		7,477 99
1839	1,097	3,583	4,278 23	729 60		8,082 15
1840	501	390	1,995 19	615 42		7,071 17
1841	627	1,139	1,495 12	591 75		6,935 30
1842	308	1,252	2,179 79	670 77		5,567 70
1843	252	465	797 80	536 85		4,356 86
1844	387	745	708 35	271 25		3,959 20
1845	582	1,428	1,628 60	402 65		4,032 04
1846	609	1,893	2,072 59	500 34		5,044 61
1847	687	2,258	3,311 95	549 19		5,902 90
1848	681	2,276	3,392 71	445 52		6,286 21
1849	1,013	2,517	3,531 83	600 35		7,207 06
1850	1,116	1,865	2,638 63	286 72	3,000 00	10,691 95
1851	1,041	2,957	4,050 01	560 84		8,290 00
1852	1,293	4,346	4,786 35	889 67		9,981 72
1853	991	2,900	3,916 54	418 96		8,929 82
1854	1,216	2,400	3,019 07	381 26		9,691 95
1855-56	1,783	3,588	4,477 42	1,475 44		14,223 95
1856-57	1,088	1,521	1,384 21	661 10		10,453 95
1857-58	877	824	1,615 93	581 77		9,182 50
1858-59	969	3,040	3,537 80	521 53		9,509 59
1859-60	1,080	3,183	3,259 52	342 87	10,050 00	20,615 86
1860-61	1,109	2,827	3,141 37	318 62	50 00	11,249 19
1861-62	792	1,322	2,663 41	135 72	400 00	10,276 47
1862-63	803	4,581	3,358 70	817 03		12,711 21
1863-64	1,564	6,047	7,412 80	318 23		17,638 94
1864-65	2,830	7,408	10,420 81	596 60	4,000 00	29,146 81
1865-66	3,332	9,023	11,639 18	582 90	2,000 00	41,761 01
1866-67	2,825	10,090	12,479 11	1,000 45		40,380 36
1867-68	2,689	9,351	11,075 29	660 24	5,000 00	41,732 50
1868-69	2,434	12,024	13,092 98	593 75		38,014 82
1869-70	3,129	13,000	11,894 97	1,577 75		40,468 00
1870-71	2,379	12,210	10,831 01	1,414 70		42,258 81
1871-72	2,511	10,914	10,491 88	2,039 58		44,678 31
1872-73	2,004	6,919	6,631 26	2,298 86		33,869 46
1873-74	1,860	5,455	10,174 08	951 37	1,500 00	35,980 67
1874-75	1,850	9,062	10,387 00	591 50		34,637 83
1875-76	1,694	10,618	11,326 44	1,116 05	1,000 00	34,907 02
1876-77	1,584	10,198	10,307 24	1,189 24		35,004 76
1877-78	1,806	8,331	7,420 71	1,148 89	5,000 00	34,799 02
1878-79	1,254	7,027	6,949 38	739 84		27,357 53
1879-80	1,481	6,439	5,633 74	750 66		26,356 32
1880-81	1,195	4,446	4,951 56	736 91		23,582 95
1881-82	1,030	4,837	4,001 51	1,547 83		21,095 65
1882-83	976	5,220	3,678 99	1,426 12		22,029 52
1883-84	1,347	5,553	4,751 93	1,230 15		26,681 06
1884-85	1,253	6,920	4,452 23	1,507 14		27,306 61
1885-86	1,482	7,349	5,292 33	1,554 84		28,021 19
1886-87	1,453	6,318	4,125 69	1,206 25		28,527 12
						\$34,580 75
						\$1,040,807 72
74,236		267,417	\$286,497 54	\$42,581 66		

[APPENDIX IV.] CIRCULATION.

The following Table shows the number of books delivered annually from the 80th of April, 1859, to the 80th of April, 1887. Prior to the former date there is no accurate record of the circulation of the Library.

YEAR.	Total Issue.	Delivered at Main Library.	Delivered at Town Office.	Delivered at Other Branch Offices.	Delivered at Residence.	No. of Volumes Standard Literature delivered.	No. of Volumes Fiction delivered.	No. of Volumes in Foreign Languages delivered.	Daily Average. The Figures in this col. prior to those for '67 are approximate only.	Largest Circulation in one day.	Date of last column.
1859-60	64,363	46,097	18,166						223		Aug. 10.
1860-61	79,773	64,218	15,555						377		Feb. 27.
1861-62	95,575	76,827	15,748						322		Feb. 19.
1862-63	85,273	70,624	14,649						297		Mar. 18.
1863-64	102,049	85,092	16,957						355		Jan. 20.
1864-65	189,609	156,457	33,152						661		Jan. 28.
1865-66	178,218	154,952	23,266						696		Jan. 24.
1866-67	206,120	169,219	36,901						718		Jan. 30.
1867-68	203,894	151,588	44,060						710		Mar. 18.
1868-69	210,066	150,558	45,080						742		Mar. 18.
1869-70	234,120	175,110	47,896						760		Jan. 20.
1870-71	269,084	184,780	53,012						879		Jan. 28.
1871-72	260,845	164,253	58,439	19,360					836		Jan. 28.
1872-73	239,533	163,696	51,378	24,284					780		Jan. 24.
1873-74	204,632	154,965	44,576	12,153					697		Jan. 30.
1874-75	203,145	154,368	46,355						670		Mar. 18.
1875-76	190,829	139,957	46,489						625		Mar. 18.
1876-77	188,890	137,327	46,087						619		Mar. 3.
1877-78	177,396	132,063	40,873						629		Aug. 11.
1878-79	158,799	120,308	28,545						518		Mar. 1.
1879-80	143,351	107,414	25,370	8,828					468		Mar. 6.
1880-81	156,671	117,146	25,477	11,344					512		Jan. 15.
1881-82	120,345	84,320	24,668	9,527					411		June 21.
1882-83	112,375	83,131	27,549						368		Feb. 24.
1883-84	126,089	79,066	25,732	19,227					413		Mar. 16.
1884-85	133,692	73,992	25,495	31,342					455		Feb. 28.
1885-86	143,105	78,352	25,615	38,884					468		Jan. 28.
1886-87	149,355	79,093	26,176	41,910					458		Mar. 19.

APPENDIX V.

Book Account.

Number of Volumes, April 30th, 1886.....		209,536
“ “ added this year by purchase....	6,005	
“ “ “ “ by donation....	318	
	<hr/> 6,318	
English Books added.....	5,539	
French “	424	
German “	348	
Other Foreign Books added.....	7	
	<hr/> 6,318	
Folio and Quarto.....	529	
Octavo	1,817	
Duodecimo, etc.....	4,472	
	<hr/> 6,318	
On Theology.....	192	
“ Mental and Moral Science.....	153	
“ Political Science.....	360	
“ Natural Science.....	106	
“ Literature.....	946	
“ History, Geography, and Travels.....	692	
“ Biography.....	310	
“ Mathematics.....	4	
“ Medicine.....	76	
“ Arts.....	252	
“ English Fiction.....	2,732	
“ French “	280	
“ German “	206	
	<hr/> 6,318	
Less Surplus and Imperfect Books sold.....	1,518	
	<hr/> 4,800	
 Total Number of Volumes, April 30th, 1887.....		 <hr/> <u>214,336</u>
Books added by Clinton Hall Association.....	3,826	
Pamphlets added.....	456	
Periodicals bound.....	610 vols.	
Pamphlets “	8 “	
Number of Volumes at the Up-town Branch.....		13,070

[APPENDIX VI.]

B I N D I N G.

	NEW BOOKS.					OLD BOOKS.					GRAND TOTAL.	
	Half Morocco.	Duck.	Half Roan.	Cloth.	TOTAL.	Half Morocco.	Duck.	Half Roan.	Cloth.	Re-cased.		TOTAL.
1886—May	1	79	....	171	251	1	14	....	49	67	131	382
June .....	....	34	1	148	183	....	17	....	36	103	156	339
July .....	....	66	....	81	147	....	2	....	35	91	128	275
August	1	20	....	94	115	....	6	....	17	29	52	167
September	1	74	2	83	160	....	14	....	36	129	179	339
October	1	42	1	121	165	....	9	....	20	80	109	274
November	1	34	2	155	192	....	4	....	32	89	125	317
December .....	....	37	1	107	145	....	1	....	23	102	126	271
1887—January	4	148	....	159	311	....	6	....	24	60	90	401
February .....	....	35	1	86	122	....	8	....	32	84	124	246
March .....	....	42	1	144	187	....	6	....	84	163	253	440
April	1	45	1	133	180	7	83	110	200	380
.....	10	656	10	1,482	2,158	1	94	471	1,107	1,673	3,831
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[APPENDIX VII.]

EXECUTIVE FORCE.

Librarian.

WM. T. PEOPLES.

Assistant Librarian.

T. J. TITUS.

Catalogue Department.

CHARLES BRUN.

Book-keeper and Cashier.

T. J. McSTRAVICK.

Desk Clerks.

CHAS. COX, *Chief.* I. H. FEICKERT.
JOHN J. McSTRAVICK.

Collector.

THOS. CRINNIGAN.

Reading Room Attendant.

MISS LAURA BONN.

Liberty Street Branch.

JAMES H. WOOD.

Fifth Avenue Branch.

JOHN J. O'BRIEN. LOUIS BATTRÉ.
MISS N. S. FOWLER.

Messengers.

CHAS. BUSSEY.

CHAS. GUILLOUD.

Janitor.

JOHN CRINNIGAN.

[APPENDIX VIII.]

LIST OF DONORS.
TO THE
Mercantile Library Association,
For the Year ending April 30, 1887.

	VOLS.	PAM.
Abbott, Austin.....	1	
Adams, John J., M. C.....	9	
Albany, N. Y., Young Men's Association for Mutual Im- provement.....		1
American Antiquarian Society.....		2
" Colonization Society.....		5
" Geographical Society.....	1	9
" Pharmaceutical Association.....	2	
Amherst, Mass., Amherst College.....		2
Anchor Oil Co.....		1
Andover, Mass., Theological Seminary.....		1
Annapolis, Md., U. S. Naval Academy.....		1
Baker & Co., Walter, Dorchester, Mass.....	1	
Baltimore, Md., Enoch Pratt Free Library.....		1
" " Johns Hopkins University.....		44
" " Peabody Institute.....	1	1
" " Presbyterian Eye, Ear, and Throat Charity Hospital.....		1
Bangor, Me., Q. P. Index.....		1
Bell, Clark.....		6
Boston, Mass., Boston Public Library.....	1	3
" " Office of City Messenger.....	3	
Bradlee, C. D., Rev., Boston, Mass.....		7
Branner, John C., Ph.D.....		1
Bridgeport, Conn., Bridgeport Public Library.....		1
Brookline, Mass., Public Library.....		1
Brooklyn, Board of Education.....	1	
" Brooklyn Library.....		1
Brooks, Erastus, W. New Brighton, S. I.....	2	1
Brunswick, Me., Bowdoin College.....	1	2
Buffalo, N. Y., Buffalo Library.....		2
Burdick, J. W. Albany, N. Y.....	1	
Burlington, Vt., Fletcher Free Library.....		1
" " University of Vermont.....		1
Butler, William Allen.....		1
Cambridge, Mass., Harvard University.....		17
Chalmers, Patrick, Wimbledon, Eng.....		2
Chelsea, Mass., Public Library.....		1
Chicago, Ill., Chicago Historical Society.....		1

	VOLS.	PAM.
Chicago, Ill., Chicago Public Library.....	1	1
Cincinnati, O., Chamber of Commerce.....	1	
“ Public Library.....	1	8
“ Young Men's Mercantile Library Association		1
Claffin, John D.....	2	
Clarke & Co., Robert, Cincinnati, O.....	1	
College Hill, Mass., Tufts College.....		1
Cudmore, P. Faribault, Rice Co., Minnesota.....	1	
Danvers, Mass., Peabody Institute.....		1
Darling, Charles W., General, Utica, N. Y.....		1
Depew, Chauncey M.....		1
Detroit, Mich., Detroit Public Library.....		1
Draper, Daniel, Ph. D.....	2	
Edgerton, E. A., Rev.....	4	1
Francis, Joseph.....		1
Gallison and Hobron.....	1	
Germantown, Philadelphia, Pa., Friend's Free Library and Reading Room.....		1
Glasgow, Scotland, Mitchell Library.....		1
Gloversville, N. Y., Levi Parsons Library.....		1
Grand Rapids, Mich., Public School Library.....		1
Gunn, Robert Alexander, M. D.....	1	
Hartford, Conn., Hartford Library Association.....		4
“ Trinity College.....		1
Hawes, Jr., Miss Susan M.....	2	
Heywood, J. C., A.M., LL.B.....	2	
Hilbey, Constant, Geneva, Switzerland.....	1	
Hillyard, M. B., Baltimore, Md.....	1	
Hitchcock, Roswell Dwight, Rev., D.D.....		1
Howard, C. H., Brooklyn.....	1	
Indianapolis, Ind., Public Library.....		1
Ithaca, N. Y., Cornell University.....	1	2
Ivison, Blakeman, Taylor & Co.....		1
Jay, John, Katonah, N. Y.....		1
Johnes, Edward R.....	1	
Judge Publishing Co.....		1
Kalisch, Samuel, Newark, N. J.....	1	
Kansas (State of) State Board of Agriculture.....	1	
Keppler & Schwartzmann.....		1
Kobbe, Gustav.....		2
Kohler, K., Rev. Dr.....		1
Kohut, Alexander, Rev. Dr.....		1
Lancaster, Mass., Library Committee.....		1
Lanman, Charles, Washington, D. C.....	1	
Lawrence, Mass., Free Public Library.....		1
Lehmaier & Bro.....		2
Lippincott Co., J. B., Philadelphia, Pa.....	1	
Liverpool, Eng., Free Public Library, Museum, and Walker Art Gallery.....		1
London, Eng., Society of Arts.....	1	
Lowdermilk, W. H. & Co., Washington, D. C.....		1
Lowell, Mass., Lowell City Library.....		2
“ “ Middlesex Mechanics' Association.....		1

	VOLS.	PAM.
Lynn, Mass., Public Library.....		1
McCook, Anson G., General, Washington, D. C.....	6	
McDonnell Bros., Chicago, Ill.....		1
MacNaughtan's Sons, Wm.....		1
Manchester, N. H., City Library.....		1
Marshall, Edward Chauncey.....	1	
Martin, Mrs. John Biddulph, London.....		1
Milwaukee, Wis., Public Library.....	1	
Montreal, Canada, British Association for the Advancement of Science. Montreal Committee.....	1	
National Eclectic Medical Association of the U. S. of America.....	1	
Navarro, Mrs. J. F. de.....	1	
New Bedford, Mass., Free Public Library.....		2
New Haven, Conn., Yale College.....		4
" " " Observatory.....		2
New Jersey (State of) State Geologist.....	1	
" " State Library.....	2	1
" New Jersey Historical Society.....	1	10
New York (City of) Board of Education.....	4	
" " Police Justices.....	1	
" " Fire Department.....	1	
" " Health Department.....		40
" " Meteorological Observatory.....		15
New York (State of) Chamber of Commerce.....	2	
" " Civil Service Commission.....	1	1
" " Forest Commission.....	1	
" " Secretary of State.....	20	
New York, American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.....		1
" Apprentices Library.....		10
" Astor Library.....	2	
" Central Committee for Protecting and Perpetu- ating the Separation of Church and State.....		5
" Citizens' Committee of One Hundred.....		3
" College of the City of New York.....		1
" Colored Home and Hospital.....		1
" Columbia College Library.....		1
" Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the U. S. of America.....		1
" General Society of Mechanics and Tradesmen ..		1
" German Society of the City of New York.....		1
" Harvard Club of New York City.....	1	
" Inebriate's Home, Fort Hamilton.....		1
" Maimonides Library.....		1
" New York Academy of Sciences.....		7
" " Association for Improving the Con- dition of the Poor.....		1
" " Dispensary.....		1
" " Free Circulating Library.....		4
" " Historical Society.....		1
" " Hospital and Bloomingdale Asylum.....		1

	VOLS.	PAM.
New York, New York Infant Asylum		2
" " Institution for the Blind.....		2
" " Ophthalmic and Aural Institute.....		1
" " Post-Graduate Medical School and Hospital.....		1
" " Produce Exchange.....	1	
" " Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children.....		1
" " Society for the Relief of the Rup- tured and Crippled.....		1
" " State Pharmaceutical Association ...	1	
" Roosevelt Hospital.....		1
" St. David's Benevolent Society of New York and Brooklyn.....		1
" Seawanhaka Corinthian Yacht Club.....	1	
" Sheltering Arms.....		1
" Society Library.....		4
" Society of Sons of the Revolution.....		1
" Thirteen Club.....		1
" Union League Club.....	1	
" Woman's Medical College of the New York Infirmary.....		1
" Xavier Union.....		1
" Young Men's Christian Association for the City of New York.....		1
" Young Men's Christian Association of the U. S. and Dominion of Canada.....	1	
Newport, R. I., Redwood Library and Athenæum.....		1
Newton, Mass., Newton Free Library.....		2
Oakley, Henry A.....		1
Ohio, (State of,) Ohio State Library.....	14	
Olcott, Henry S., Madras, India.....	2	
Omaha, Neb., Omaha Public Library.....		1
Philadelphia, Pa., Alumni Association, Philadelphia Col- lege of Pharmacy.....		1
" Apprentice's Library Company.....		1
" Library Company.....		2
" Mercantile Library.....		17
" Philadelphia Social Science Association.....		2
" Provident Life and Trust Company.....	1	
" Scott Publication Co.....		1
" Times.....		1
" University of Pennsylvania, Greek Play Company.....	1	
Phillips, Henry, Jr., Philadelphia, Pa.....	1	
Plymouth, Eng., Free Public Library.....		1
Pratt, Charles.....	1	
Providence, R. I., Providence Athenæum.....		1
" " City Library in the Mayor's Office.....		1
Putnam, Samuel.....	2	
Putnam's Sons, G. P.....	1	
Roberts, A. Sydney, M. D., Philadelphia, Pa.....	1	

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	VOIS.	PAM.
Roberts, Milton Josiah, M. D.....		2
Rochester, N. Y., Reynolds Library.....		1
Royal Society of Canada.....	1	
St. Louis, Mo., St. Louis Public Library.....		2
St. Paul, Minn., Minnesota Historical Society.....		1
Salem, Mass., Essex Institute.....		5
San Francisco, Cal., Mechanics' Institute.....	1	
" " Mercantile Library.....		1
" " Odd Fellows' Library Association.....		1
" " St. Ignatius College.....		1
Santa Clara, Cal., Santa Clara College.....		1
Savannah, Ga., Georgia Historical Society.....		1
Schloss, N. A.....		3
Shepard, Elliott F.....	1	1
Shepperson, Alfred B.....	1	
Simms, Joseph, Dr.....	1	
South Hadley, Mass, Mount Holyoke Female Seminary ..		1
Springfield, Mass., City Library Association.....		1
Stevens, Geo. T., Dr.....		1
Stevens, Simon.....		1
Swansea, Eng., Public Library and Gallery of Art.....		2
Taunton, Mass., Public Library.....		4
Tracy, J. Perkins.....	1	
Tucker, Willis G., Ph. D., Albany, N. Y.....		6
United States Civil Service Commission.....	2	
" Commission of Fish and Fisheries.....		4
" Department of State.....	5	12
" Department of the Interior	113	13
" " " " Bureau of Education	1	6
" " " " Labor.....	1	
" " " " Patent Office.....	25	
" " " " Superintendent of Documents.....		1
" Department of the Navy, Naval Observatory	1	
" Department of the Treasury.....	2	
" " " Bureau of Statistics	1	4
" " " Coast and Geodetic Survey.....	1	
" " " Comptroller of the Currency	1	
" " " Life-Saving Service	1	
" Department of War, Chief of Engineers.....	4	
" " " Chief of Ordnance.....	1	
" " " Chief Signal Office, 14 charts.....		
" " " Surgeon General.....	1	1
Unknown Friends.....	1	5
Washington, D. C., Smithsonian Institution	2	
Welcker, Adair, Sacramento, Cal.....	1	
West Point, N. Y., U. S. Military Academy.....		1
Williams, J. Fletcher, St. Paul, Minn.....		2
Worcester, Mass., Free Public Library.....		2

[APPENDIX IX.]

HONORARY MEMBERS

OF THE

Mercantile Library Association.

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Benjamin G. Arnold
Isaac H. Bailey
Hon. Geo. Bancroft, LL. D.
Hon. Daniel D. Barnard
F. A. P. Barnard, LL. D., S. T. D.
Isaac Bell
William A. Booth
M. C. D. Borden
Edgar Botsford
Hugh N. Camp
Luther Clark
Hon. John Cochrane
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Prof. R. Ogden Doremus
Alexander F. Duncan
Charles Edwards
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Hon. Hamilton Fish
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John Hone, Jr.

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John B. Hurd
John D. Jones
Louis Kossuth
Richard Lathers
Rev. Harmon Loomis, D. D.
Allan McLane
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Manton Marble
Samuel Marsh
Hon. F. E. Mather
Nathaniel F. Moore, LL. D.
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J. Seaver Page
S. H. Pennington, M. D.
George L. Prentiss, D. D.
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Rossiter W. Raymond
Wm. Remsen
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Benj. D. Silliman
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Hon. Thos. E. Stewart
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Henry A. Stone
Francis Thompson
Silas Totten, D. D.
Richard I. Tucker
G. B. Vroom
Alex. S. Webb
Hon. Wm. H. Wickham

[APPENDIX X.]

OFFICERS AND MEMBERS
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BOARD OF DIRECTION
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[APPENDIX XI.]

TRUSTEES OF THE PERMANENT CATALOGUE FUND.

J. L. GRAHAM,
President Mercantile Library Association, ex-officio.

A. WETMORE, JR.,
Secretary Mercantile Library Association, ex-officio.

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President of the Clinton Hall Association, ex-officio.

DAN'L F. APPLETON, ARTHUR W. SHERMAN,
From the Members at Large.

TRUSTEES OF THE CLINTON HALL ASSOCIATION.

ISAAC H. BAILEY,	M. C. D. BORDEN,
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CHAS. H. ISHAM.	

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M. C. D. BORDEN,
Treasurer.

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APRIL, 1888.

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PRESIDENTS OF THE ASSOCIATION

FROM ITS ORGANIZATION.

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| 1820-23—LUCIUS BULL. | 1859-60—RICHARD A. BACHIA. |
| 1823-24—CORNELIUS SAVAGE. | 1860-61—CHAS. E. KING SHERMAN |
| 1824-26—BENJAMIN I. SEWARD. | 1861-62—CHAS. F. ALLEN, |
| 1827-31—R. B. BROWN. | 1862-63—CHARLES OSGOOD. |
| 1832-34—JOHN W. STEBBINS. | 1863-64—CHARLES H. SWORDS. |
| 1834-35—R. R. BOYD. | 1864-65—THEODORE H. VULTEE. |
| 1836-37—CHARLES ROLFE. | 1865-66—ROBT. WALKER IRWIN. |
| 1838.....EDMUND COFFIN. | 1866-67—AARON C. ALLEN. |
| 1839.....JOHN S. WINTHROP. | 1867-68—ALEXANDER RHIND. |
| 1839.....ELIJAH WARD. | 1868-69—CHARLES F. ALLEN. |
| 1840.....AUGUSTUS E. SILLIMAN. | 1869-70—M. C. D. BORDEN. |
| 1841.....HECTOR MORISON. | 1870.....M. C. D. BORDEN. |
| 1842.....JOHN T. ROLLINS. | 1871.....CHARLES F. ALLEN. |
| 1843.....LEWIS McMULLEN. | 1871-72—ARTHUR W. SHERMAN. |
| 1843... RICHARD BURLEW. | 1872.....CHARLES H. WILSON. |
| 1844-45—CHARLES E. MILNOR. | 1872-73—PETER VOORHIS. |
| 1846-47—CORNELIUS L. EVERITT. | 1873-74—CHAS. S. ARTHUR. |
| 1848.....THOMAS W. GROSER. | 1874-75—SAM'L PUTNAM. |
| 1849.....ISAAC H. BAILEY. | 1875-76—CHAS. C. HOUGH. |
| 1850.....THOMAS J. BAYAUD. | 1876-77—WM. H. GUION, JR. |
| 1851... HENRY A. OAKLEY. | 1877-78—WM. H. GUION, JR. |
| 1852....GEORGE PECKHAM. | 1878-79—SEYMOUR A. BUNCE. |
| 1853.....WILLARD L. FELT. | 1879-80—W. D. SEARLS. |
| 1854.....DANIEL F. APPLETON. | 1880-81—CHAS. H. PATRICK. |
| 1855.....D. REYNOLDS BUDD. | 1881-82—CHAS. H. PATRICK. |
| 1855-56—GEORGE C. WOOD. | 1882-83—A. WETMORE, JR. |
| 1856-57—JOHN CRERAR. | 1883-84—ALEX. M. EAGLESON. |
| 1857-58—ROWLAND H. TIMPSON. | 1884-85—A. H. TIMPSON. |
| 1857-58—ALEXANDER P. FISKE. | 1885-86—JAMES MAGEE. |
| 1858-59—E. BOUDINOT SERVOS. | 1886-87—JOHN BYERS. |
| | 1887-88—J. L. GRAHAM. |

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Sixty-seventh Annual Report.

Fellow Members :

In presenting for your consideration this evening the transactions and business of the Library for the fiscal year just closed, which will be the 67th annual report of the Association, it is with pleasure that we are able to say that the extent of our business and the growth of the Library compare very favorably with previous years.

In the beginning of the year, in view of the great changes that were taking place all around us, so favorable a showing was not thought possible at this time.

Being unexpected, it is therefore the more gratifying.

CIRCULATION.

The books circulated during the year are divided as follows :

From the Library, Astor Place.....	76,052	volumes were issued.
“ Fifth Avenue Branch.....	48,391	“ “ “
“ Down-town “.....	25,149	“ “ “
Delivered at members' residences.....	1,722	“ “ “

Total circulation.....151,314 volumes,

an increase over last year's issue of 1,959 volumes.

The classification of the circulation is as follows :

Theology.....	2,376	volumes.
Mental and Moral Science.....	2,401	“
Political Science.....	2,833	“
Literature.....	21,815	“
History, Geography and Travels.....	15,885	“
Biography.....	8,797	“
Mathematics.....	171	“
Natural Science.....	1,624	“
Medical Science.....	899	“
Arts.....	3,290	“
Fiction, English.....	79,652	“
“ French.....	7,671	“
“ German.....	3,862	“
“ other foreign.....	38	“

151,314 volumes.

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The following is the circulation by months :

May.....	12,792	volumes.
June.....	12,020	"
July.....	9,352	"
August.....	7,718	"
September.....	9,451	"
October.....	11,751	"
November.....	18,232	"
December.....	14,423	"
January.....	14,868	"
February.....	15,462	"
March.....	16,208	"
April.....	14,042	"
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	151,814	volumes.

The average monthly circulation was 12,609½ volumes. The largest issue was in the month of March, and the smallest in August.

The average daily circulation was 495 volumes.

The largest number of books circulated in a single day was 934 volumes, on March 24th, and the smallest 23 volumes, on March 12th, the day on which our city was visited by the great snow storm known as the blizzard ; 5,932 notices were sent to members to return books retained over time.

MEMBERSHIP.

Total number of members of April 30th, 1887, was ..	3,750
Active members added during the year..... 283	
Subscribing members added during the year.....1,171	
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	1,408
Active members' accounts closed..... 315	
Subscribing members' accounts closed.....1,177	
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	1,492
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A decrease for the year of.....	89
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Total.....	3,861
Number of Active Members April 30th, 1888.....	1,374
“ “ Subscrib'g “ “ “ “.....	2,287
“ “ Honorary “ “ “ “.....	60
“ “ Editors using Library.....	85
Members of Clinton Hall Association.....	1,701
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Total number of persons entitled to use the Library	
April 30th, 1888.....	5,457

BOOKS.

The number of books added to the Library during the year was 6,793 volumes.

Six thousand four hundred and eighty-three volumes were obtained by purchase, and 310 volumes were donated.

The number of duplicate books sold, imperfect and condemned books, together with those lost, amounted to 1,627 volumes.

Deducting these from the gross accessions, makes the net increase for the year 5,166 volumes.

The total number of volumes in the Library April 30th, 1888, was 219,502.

In our purchases of books we have adhered to the rule heretofore adopted, that when a work was published in a cheap and inferior form to reject it, if a better edition could be obtained.

As a sample of the dislike some of our readers have to reading poorly printed books, we quote the following from an order sent to the Library by one of our members :

"I return a volume of Mrs. Oliphant's works, 'Miss Marjoribanks.' Has the Library no other edition except a Harper reprint (very small type, at that) of the works of such a first-class novelist? If it has, please send me a copy ; otherwise, I never want these cheap, poorly printed editions sent to me."

FINANCES.

The total receipts of the Library for the year from all sources was \$29,586.31.

The amount expended for books, periodicals and binding was \$4,746.46.

Clinton Hall Association spent for the same items \$5,585.50, which makes the total expenditure for books, etc., \$10,331.96.

For other details of the receipts and expenditures, we refer you to the Treasurer's report.

BRANCH LIBRARY, 426 Fifth Avenue.

The number of volumes on the shelves of this Branch on the 30th of April, 1888, was 15,313 volumes.

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The number of books circulated during the year was 48,391 volumes, classified as follows :

Theology.....	431	
Mental and Moral Science	621	
Political Science.....	552	
Literature.....	3,794	
History, Geography and Travels.....	3,373	
Biography.....	2,220	
Mathematics.....	32	
Natural Science.....	252	
Medical Science.....	91	
Arts.....	324	
Fiction, English.....	33,169	
" French.....	2,443	
" German.....	1,088	
" other foreign.....	1	
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		48,391

The circulation by months was :

May.....	4,651	volumes
June.....	4,081	"
July.....	2,205	"
August.....	981	"
September.....	2,190	"
October.....	3,491	"
November.....	4,291	"
December.....	4,856	"
January.....	5,297	"
February.....	5,337	"
March.....	5,792	"
April.....	5,219	"
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	48,391	volumes.

The average monthly circulation was 4,032½ volumes.

The average daily circulation was 165 volumes.

The largest number of books issued in one day was on January 14th, 365 volumes.

The reading-room attached to this Branch was closed during the entire month of August, and the book delivery department from August 15th to 31st.

On April 30th the number of persons using this Branch was 1,490, as follows :

Members and Subscribers.....	1,252
Clinton Hall Stockholders.....	238
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Total.....	1,490

Last year 732 new members were received at this branch, while this year the number was 645, a decrease of 87.

This year's circulation was 6,481 volumes more than that of last year.

The attendance in the reading room shows a decrease this year of 1,951.

DOWN-TOWN BRANCH, 33 Liberty Street.

The present quarters for this branch, which we have occupied for the past year, are far preferable to the premises vacated, and appear to give universal satisfaction to those of our members who make use of them. In addition to an extra supply of newspapers and magazines, the rooms have been furnished with chess and checker tables. These additions also appear to be appreciated.

Five hundred additional volumes have been placed on the shelves of this branch during the year. A portion of the new publications has been sent there as soon as received.

The total number of books circulated was 25,149 volumes. The classification was as follows :

Theology.....	185
Mental and Moral Science.....	262
Political Science.....	408
Literature.....	2,571
History, Geography and Travels.....	2,151
Biography.....	953
Mathematics.....	29
Natural Science.....	116
Medical Science.....	38
Arts.....	85
Fiction, English.....	16,827
“ French.....	1,295
“ German.....	226
“ Other Foreign.....	3
Total.....	25,149 volumes.

READING ROOM STATISTICS.

Library, Astor Place.		Fifth Avenue Branch.	
	Attendance.		Attendance.
1887—May.....	2,426	1887—May.....	1,748
June.....	1,742	June.....	860
July.....	1,219	July.....	341
August.....	1,354	August (closed).....	
September.....	2,111	September.....	878
October.....	2,594	October.....	1,263
November.....	2,651	November.....	1,871
December.....	2,810	December.....	2,052
1888—January.....	2,680	1888—January.....	1,655
February.....	2,504	February ..	1,723
March.....	2,580	March.....	2,148
April.....	2,478	April.....	1,925
Total.....	27,149	Total.....	16,464
Monthly Average.....	2,262½	Monthly Average.....	1,497
Daily Average, 306 days.....	88	Daily Average, 281 days.....	59

Catalogues and Readers' Aids.

Bulletin No. 10, containing the accessions to the Library from October, 1886, to September, 1887, was issued in the month of October.

Accession lists of the new books added to the Library have been regularly issued, and given to the members free of charge.

The following additions have been made to our card catalogues :

To the public catalogue, Astor Place.....	5,471 cards	83 guides
" " official " "	5,253 "	83 "
" " Uptown Branch catalogue.....	2,847 "	85 "
" " Down-town " "	647 "	" "
Total.....	14,218 "	251 "

A special catalogue, consisting of subject and author cards was prepared of the books contained on the shelves of the reference department.

We have also had prepared a finding list of the works of French prose fiction contained in the Library.

This list is now in the hands of the printer, and will be ready for delivery early in June.

CLINTON HALL ASSOCIATION.

Our thanks are due to the gentlemen composing the Board of Trustees of the Clinton Hall Association for the liberal and valuable aid they have given us during the year.

In addition to assisting in defraying the expenses of the branches, they have added to the Library during the year 3,818 volumes of books, at a cost of \$5,585.50.

DONATIONS.

We desire to extend our acknowledgments to the friends who have remembered us throughout the year by gifts of books and pamphlets. The number thus received was 310 books and 460 pamphlets.

A list of the donors and their donations will be found in an appendix attached to this report.

BOARD OF DIRECTION.

It becomes our sad duty to record the death of one of our associates in the management of the Library, Mr. Roger Sherman Bacon, who died at Colorado Springs in February last, whither he had gone in hopes of being restored to health.

Your Board adopted the following resolutions :

Resolved, We have learned with unfeigned regret of the death of our esteemed friend and associate, Mr. Roger Sherman Bacon, which occurred at Colorado Springs on the 19th day of February last, and we desire to express our deep sorrow at his premature death.

Mr. Bacon had endeared himself to all by his warm-hearted and courteous manner, and in the intelligent interest he had always manifested in everything connected with the Library. We realize that in his death our Association lost a sincere friend and well-wisher.

We desire to extend our warmest sympathy and condolence to the bereaved widow in the great loss which she has sustained in this early demise of a beloved companion, and therefore direct that this memorial be spread in full upon the minutes of this meeting, and a certified copy of same be transmitted to Mrs. Bacon.

The following is the report of the Committee appointed to examine the books and other property of the Association :

The undersigned, a committee to examine the books and property of the Mercantile Library Association, submit this report of their investigation.

A vast area of shelf room, covering pretty much absolutely all the space available within the building reserved for the Library, is closely packed with books, the condition of which, so far as could be ascertained from a careful examination, appears to indicate the best of care and reflects great credit upon the force whose painstaking work is thus apparent. So far nothing is to be desired. But beyond this nothing whatever can be said that is satisfactory. The general condition of the building throughout, both as to arrangement and preservation, is utterly unfit. The shelf room is so spread out and inaccessible, and the distances from one part to another so great as to make the circulation of books either with economy or reasonable promptness impossible. If for no other reason, the whole arrangement of the interior, with particular reference to a compact and available disposition of space, should be reformed and reconstructed so that the books could be had and delivered to subscribers with dispatch and satisfaction. So much is imperative.

Respecting the building itself it is dilapidated, insecure, and about the last place in the world for the storing of a great collection of valuable books. To examine it is to condemn it. When the disaster comes, if it should come, it will be much to be deplored by us that no steps have been taken to avert such a catastrophe. The building is inflammable, decayed, a badly constructed and decrepit shell, hardly a protection to its contents against rain, and not at all against fire. The risk that is incurred every day by permitting it to remain in this condition is too great. It is not only that delay is

dangerous, with the knowledge of the facts delay is impossible. We therefore commend the matter to your most careful and immediate consideration, and suggest that the Trustees having the building in charge be at once advised of the emergency and urged to measures for its remedy.

M. C. D. BORDEN.

A. A. RAVEN.

CHAS. H. ISHAM.

A. W. SHERMAN.

From the above it will be seen that the gentlemen appointed in compliance with a mandatory provision of our constitution to examine the condition of our property speak in no uncertain tone of what they saw.

While commending the condition in which they found the books, the building they condemn utterly.

We desire to state that your Board has already given this subject earnest thought and consideration. Early in the year a request was sent to the Trustees of Clinton Hall asking for a conference that the state of the Library might be considered, and also what action should be taken to insure its safety as well as its future prosperity.

A joint meeting of the two Boards, the Trustees of Clinton Hall Association and the Board of Direction of the Mercantile Library Association was held in December last, when a free interchange of views was had.

The ill-adaptedness of our building to the wants of the Library was generally conceded.

The concentration of our business was also deemed advisable.

As a result of this meeting your Board submitted the following to the Clinton Hall Trustees :

Resolved—"That the Board of Directors of the Mercantile Library Association are unanimously of the opinion that the Clinton Hall Association building should be thoroughly and critically examined by a competent architect with a view of making such changes, additions and repairs as may best fit it for the use of the Library."

It is also the opinion of this Board that for many years to come the present building will be, after proper repairs, better suited to our wants than a building elsewhere if said building would involve heavy indebtedness.

In view of the fact that free libraries, supported from the public funds as well as by private munificence, are being established in all sections of the city, and considering the place this Library holds and is to hold in the future, it is the judgment of this Board that it would be unwise to incur any debt which would deprive the Library of resources which will be absolutely necessary for its support. It should be within the power of our Library to raise the standard of the books circulated, and be able to offer at all times a liberal supply of the best class of literature.

This Board desires to urge upon the Trustees of Clinton Hall Association the necessity for an early and full examination of Clinton Hall building, not alone with a view of increasing the accommodations needed for the Library but also on account of the urgency of immediate repairs."

Acting on the above, the Clinton Hall Trustees placed the matter in the hands of a special committee. The committee immediately selected an architect to examine and report on the condition of the building, with a view to alterations.

The architect has performed this service, and we believe has made his report to the committee.

Many difficulties confront us in selecting a future home for the Library.

We need a central location, one easy of access from distant parts of the city, and whereto can be drawn the largest possible constituency.

Where is such a site to be found, and if found, can our resources command it? If it be the right location to-day, what of the future?

Our present needs are urgent; at the same time we must look ahead.

The present site of our Branch Library on Fifth Avenue was supposed to be a good field for library work, and it was thought by

many persons that this vicinity was the right location for the main library.

After an existence of five years we are confronted with the same complaints here that were formerly heard at Astor Place, "it is too far to come after books."

Although the number of books circulated from this branch has steadily increased, the attendance in the reading-room has decreased.

The room is open from 8.30 A. M. until 10 o'clock at night. The daily average attendance during these hours the past year was 59 persons. Being in the midst of so many residences, it was thought that the business done here would be greater at night than during the day. Such has not been the case.

The average attendance from 6.30 A. M. to 6 P. M. was 43, and from 6 P. M. to 10 P. M. it was 16. The attendance in the reading-room at Astor Place was as follows: The total daily average attendance was 88. From 8 A. M. to 6 P. M. it was 60, and from 6 P. M. to 10 P. M. it was 28.

CONCLUSION.

During the past year we have circulated 151,314 books.

Although the cost of doing this work was greater than it could have been done for had our business been more centralized, nevertheless we have incurred no indebtedness.

All claims have been paid as presented.

The two Associations now hold property in books and realty valued at several hundred thousands of dollars.

Upon this property no incumbrance whatever exists.

In providing for the future, we think it wise policy that this condition of affairs should always continue to be.

Hence after further consideration we reassert our position, as taken in our communication to the Clinton Hall Trustees, and at the same time we renew our appeal for urgency and repeat the pressing necessity that exists for prompt and immediate action looking to the preservation and safety of our Library.

On behalf of the Board of Direction,

J. L. GRAHAM,
President.

NEW YORK, May 8, 1888.

Sixty-seventh Annual Meeting.

The sixty-seventh annual meeting of the Mercantile Library Association was held in the reading-room, Clinton Hall, on Tuesday evening, May 8th, 1888.

The meeting was called to order at 8 o'clock by the President of the Association. Mr. J. L. Graham, who took the chair.

The minutes of the sixty-sixth annual meeting were read, and on motion were approved.

The Secretary read the reports of the President and Treasurer of the Clinton Hall Association, which were received and ordered to be printed with the annual report.

The report of Mr. T. S. Rumney, the Treasurer of the Association, was read and on motion approved.

The President then read the sixty-seventh annual report of the Association, which on motion was received and one thousand copies ordered to be printed for distribution among the members. On motion the meeting adjourned.

A. WETMORE, JR.,

Secretary.

APPENDIXES TO ANNUAL REPORT

[APPENDIX I.]

TREASURER'S REPORT

OF THE

MERCANTILE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION,

For the Year ending April 30th, 1888.

RECEIPTS.

Balance April 30, 1887.....	\$ 1,835 38
Initiation fees.....	1,403 00
Semi-Annual dues.....	13,844 00
Duplicate Accounts.....	643 50
Amount received from extra books and fines.....	3,471 87
Catalogues.....	83 10
Duplicate books.....	664 32
Book delivery.....	199 30
Old paper.....	47 08
Permanent Catalogue Fund.....	1,000 00
Interest.....	538 55
Clinton Hall.....	5,906 21
	<u>\$29,586 31</u>

EXPENDITURES.

Books.....	\$1,651 36
Periodicals.....	1,870 66
Binding.....	1,324 44
Light.....	863 48
Salaries.....	8,319 44
Incidentals.....	525 82
Liberty Street Branch.....	2,279 85
Fifth Avenue Branch.....	7,139 17
Stationery.....	701 88
Advertising.....	576 77
Catalogue.....	866 00
Book Delivery.....	310 00
Postage.....	135 28
Fixtures.....	68 10
Insurance.....	272 12
Balance, Lincoln Nat'l Bank April 30, 1888....	3,382 44
	<u>\$29,586 31</u>

[APPENDIX II].

Clinton Hall Association,

*New York, May 7, 1888.**To the President of the Mercantile Library Association.*

DEAR SIR :—I transmit herewith the Report of the Treasurer of the Association, showing an expenditure for books for the past year of.....\$5,585 50
 Binding.....696 21
 -----\$6,281 71

The Trustees have under consideration, and hope to be able very soon to determine, what plan will most effectually provide for the Library, the enlarged and improved accommodations which are so imperatively required. Of course in deciding upon a measure which involves the expenditure, under any circumstances, of a large sum of money, they are deeply impressed with the necessity of caution and deliberation. But they are also mindful that the exigency demands as much despatch in the matter as is practicable, and they intend to take definite action with as little delay as possible.

I avail myself of this opportunity to extend a friendly salutation to yourself and your colleagues, in the administration of the affairs of the institution which is the object of our mutual care and solicitude.

Yours truly,

ISAAC H. BAILEY,
President.

[APPENDIX III.]

ANNUAL REPORT

—OF—

M. C. D. BORDEN,

Treasurer Clinton Hall Association.

MAY 1888.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand May 9, 1887	\$ 1,252 35
Rents collected, less expenses, etc.	18,788 81
	<u>\$20,036 16</u>

EXPENDITURES.

Books.....	\$ 5,585 50
Binding	696 21
Coal.....	420 00
Janitor.....	399 96
Interest.....	3,320 00
Taxes.....	3,304 80
Sewer Assessment.....	125 40
Insurance.....	765 77
Safe Deposit Co.....	22 00

MERCANTILE LIBRARY.

On account rent Liberty Street Branch.....	425 00
“ “ “ Fifth Avenue “	4,000 00
Cleaning, Lighting, etc.....	125 00
Clerical Services.....	600 00
Printing Annual Report.....	60 00
Cash on hand May 5th.....	186 52
	<u>\$20,036 16</u>

INSURANCE.

On Building.....	\$72,000 00
“ Books	66,000 00
“ Furniture.....	12,150 00
	<u>\$150,150 00</u>

BOOKS ADDED DURING THE YEAR, 3,818 VOLUMES.

CLASSIFIED AS FOLLOWS :

On Theology	133
“ Mental and Moral Science.....	85
“ Political Science.....	152
“ Literature.....	324
“ History, Geography and Travels.....	359
“ Biography.....	262
“ Mathematics.....	3
“ Natural Science	43
“ Medical Science.....	84
“ Art.....	94
“ Fiction.....	2,329
	<u>8,818</u>
Previous purchases.....	58,029
Total number of volumes added by Clinton Hall.....	<u>56,847</u>

M. C. D. BORDEN,
Treasurer.

NEW YORK, May 5, 1888.

[APPENDIX IV.]

ANNUAL ADDITIONS OF MEMBERS AND BOOKS.
Expenditures for Books, Total Receipts, etc., from the 9th of November,
1820, to the 1st of May, 1888.

YEARS.	No. of Mem- bers who have joined the Library.	No. of Vols. acquired by purchase & donation.	Amount Ex- pended for books and Periodicals.	Amount Ex- pended for Binding.	Donations received.	Total Receipts.
1820-21	304	1,000	\$600 00		\$600 00	\$900 00
1822	76	250	273 00		150 00	510 00
1823	81	100	150 00		250 00	726 69
1824	77	175	208 00			712 23
1825	257	675	619 00	\$73 00	795 00	1,469 00
1826	471	1,000	756 72	190 28		2,246 42
1827	360	1,200	695 12	31 28		1,750 52
1828	295	1,000	330 27	146 25		1,572 47
1829	414	600	562 30	154 28		1,701 81
1830	486	600	567 91	99 25		1,755 82
1831	507	750	1,177 19	68 48		2,360 71
1832	383	864	1,107 36	197 55		3,093 58
1833	382	1,379	1,303 98	224 20		2,978 98
1834	393	1,090	1,278 20	223 29		2,977 59
1835	680	1,522	2,126 32	238 51		4,333 18
1836	867	1,845	2,286 74	250 70		5,110 80
1837	936	2,547	2,806 47	186 04		6,109 20
1838	1,003	2,471	3,115 72	423 91		7,477 99
1839	1,097	3,583	4,278 23	729 60		8,082 15
1840	501	390	1,995 19	615 42		7,071 17
1841	627	1,139	1,495 12	591 75		6,035 30
1842	308	1,252	2,179 79	670 77		5,567 70
1843	252	465	797 80	536 85		4,355 86
1844	387	745	708 35	271 25		3,959 20
1845	582	1,428	1,628 60	402 65		4,082 04
1846	609	1,883	2,072 59	500 34		5,044 61
1847	687	2,258	3,311 95	549 19		5,902 90
1848	681	2,276	3,392 71	445 52		6,286 21
1849	1,013	2,517	3,531 83	600 35		7,207 06
1850	1,116	1,865	2,608 63	286 72	3,000 00	10,691 95
1851	1,041	2,957	4,050 01	560 84		8,290 00
1852	1,293	4,346	4,786 35	889 67		9,931 72
1853	991	2,900	3,916 54	418 96		8,929 82
1854	1,216	2,400	3,019 07	381 26		9,691 95
1855-56	1,783	3,588	4,477 42	1,475 44		14,223 95
1856-57	1,088	1,521	1,384 21	661 10		10,453 95
1857-58	877	824	1,615 98	581 77		9,182 50
1858-59	969	3,040	3,537 80	521 53		9,509 59
1859-60	1,080	3,183	3,259 52	342 87	10,050 00	20,615 86
1860-61	1,109	2,827	3,141 37	318 62	50 00	11,249 19
1861-62	792	1,322	2,663 41	135 72	400 00	10,276 47
1862-63	808	4,581	3,358 70	817 03		12,711 21
1863-64	1,564	6,047	7,412 80	318 23		17,638 94
1864-65	2,830	7,408	10,420 81	586 60	4,000 00	29,146 81
1865-66	3,332	9,023	11,639 18	582 90	2,000 00	41,761 01
1866-67	2,825	10,090	12,479 11	1,000 45		40,380 36
1867-68	2,689	9,351	11,075 29	660 24	5,000 00	41,722 50
1868-69	2,434	12,024	13,092 98	593 75		38,014 82
1869-70	3,129	13,000	11,894 97	1,577 75		40,468 00
1870-71	2,379	12,210	10,831 01	1,414 70		42,258 81
1871-72	2,511	10,914	10,491 88	2,039 58		44,678 31
1872-73	2,004	6,919	6,631 26	2,208 85		38,869 46
1873-74	1,860	5,455	10,174 08	951 37	1,500 00	35,980 67
1874-75	1,850	9,062	10,387 00	591 50		34,657 68
1875-76	1,694	10,618	11,326 44	1,116 05	1,000 00	34,907 02
1876-77	1,584	10,198	10,307 24	1,189 24		35,094 76
1877-78	1,306	8,331	7,420 71	1,148 89	5,000 00	34,799 02
1878-79	1,254	7,027	6,949 38	739 84		27,357 23
1879-80	1,481	6,439	5,633 74	750 66		26,356 32
1880-81	1,195	4,446	4,951 56	736 91		23,582 95
1881-82	1,030	4,837	4,001 51	1,547 83		21,095 65
1882-83	976	5,220	3,578 99	1,426 12		22,022 52
1883-84	1,347	5,853	4,751 93	1,230 15		26,681 06
1884-85	1,253	6,920	4,452 23	1,507 14		27,305 61
1885-86	1,482	7,349	5,292 33	1,554 34		29,021 19
1886-87	1,453	6,318	4,125 69	1,306 23		28,827 12
1887-88	1,403	6,793	9,107 52	1,224 44		29,386 31
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	75,639	274,210	\$295,605 06	\$43,806 10	\$34,580 75	\$1,070,194 08

[APPENDIX V.]
CIRCULATION.
The following Table shows the number of books delivered annually from the 30th of April, 1859, to the 30th of April, 1898. Prior to the former date there is no accurate record of the circulation of the Library.

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[APPENDIX VI.]

Book Account.

Number of Volumes April 30th, 1887.....	214,336
" " added this year by purchase.....	6,483
" " " " " by donation.....	310
	<u>6,793</u>
English Books added.....	6,053
French " ".....	457
German " ".....	281
Other Foreign Books added.....	2
	<u>6,793</u>
Folio and Quarto.....	531
Octavo.....	1,273
Duodecimo, etc.....	4,989
	<u>6,793</u>
On Theology.....	247
" Mental and Moral Science.....	148
" Political Science.....	355
" Natural Science.....	107
" Literature.....	940
" History, Geography and Travels.....	754
" Biography.....	427
" Mathematics.....	5
" Medicine.....	84
" Arts.....	225
" English Fiction.....	3,015
" French ".....	309
" German ".....	177
	<u>6,793</u>
Less Surplus and Imperfect Books sold.....	1,627
	<u>5,166</u>
Total Number of Volumes April 30th, 1888.....	<u>219,502</u>
Books added by Clinton Hall Association.....	3,818 vols.
Pamphlets added.....	460
Periodicals bound.....	552 vols.
Pamphlets ".....	5 "
No. of Volumes at the Up-town Branch April 30, 1887.	13,070 vols.
Added this year.....	2,243 "
Total Number April 30th, 1888.....	<u>15,313 vols.</u>

[APPENDIX VII.]

BINDING.

	NEW BOOKS.					OLD BOOKS.				GRAND TOTAL.
	Half Morocco.	Duck.	Half Roan.	Cloth.	Total.	Duck.	Cloth.	Re-cased.	Total.	
1887—May	1	38	1	156	196	13	92	89	194	392
June	1	35	....	94	130	2	48	58	106	236
July	2	104	....	102	206	1	31	35	70	276
August .....	....	22	....	42	64	6	45	29	80	141
September ..	1	18	....	87	106	5	40	42	87	193
October	1	31	....	121	153	1	33	35	69	222
November ..	....	44	2	100	146	....	21	17	38	184
December ..	....	34	....	93	127	4	22	37	63	190
1898—January	1	149	....	118	268	1	43	30	74	342
February .....	....	49	2	174	225	5	63	47	115	340
March .....	....	33	....	172	205	10	79	63	152	357
April	1	31	....	183	215	10	67	68	145	360
Total	8	588	5	1,444	2,045	58	587	550	1,195	3,240

[APPENDIX VIII.]

EXECUTIVE FORCE.

Librarian.

WM. T. PEOPLES.

Assistant Librarian.

T. J. TITUS.

Catalogue Department.

CHARLES BRUN.

Book-keeper and Cashier.

T. J. McSTRAVICK.

Desk Clerks.

CHAS. COX, *Chief.* CHAS. GROME.

JOHN J. McSTRAVICK.

Reading Room Attendant.

MISS LAURA BONN.

Liberty Street Branch.

JOHN J. O'BRIEN.

Fifth Avenue Branch.

LOUIS BATTRÉ. THOS. CRINIGAN.

L. H. FEICKERT.

Messengers.

CHAS. BUSSEY.

CHAS. GUILOUD.

Janitor.

JOHN CRINIGAN.

[APPENDIX IX.]

LIST OF DONORS

TO THE

Mercantile Library Association,

For the Year ending April 30, 1888.

	VOLS.	PAM.
Abbott, Austin.....	1	
Actors' Fund of America.....		1
Adams, John J., M. C.....	4	
Albany, N. Y., Albany Medical College.....		1
" Young Men's Association for Mutual Im-		
provement.....		1
American Antiquarian Society.....		2
" Colonization Society.....		3
" Geographical Society.....		6
" Institute of Christian Philosophy.....	4	
" Pharmaceutical Association.....	1	
" Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.....		1
Amherst, Mass., Amherst College.....		1
Andover, Mass., Phillips Academy.....		1
Annapolis, Md., U. S. Naval Academy.....		1
Arkansas, State of, State Geologist.....		1
Arnoux, William Henry.....		1
Bailey, Banks & Biddle, Philadelphia, Pa.....		4
Baltimore, Md., Enoch Pratt Free Library.....	1	2
" " Johns Hopkins University.....		10
" " Peabody Institute.....		1
Bell, Clark.....		24
Berkeley, Cal., University of California.....		1
Boston, Mass., Maverick National Bank.....	1	
" National Association of Wool Manufacturers.....	2	
" Office of City Messenger.....	3	
" Public Library.....		1
Bourke, John G., Capt., Washington, D. C.....		1
Bradlee, Rev. Caleb D., Boston, Mass.....		12
Branner, John C., Ph. D.....		1
Bridgeport, Conn., Bridgeport Public Library.....		1
Brookline, Mass., Public Library.....		1
Brooklyn, N. Y., Brooklyn Library.....		3
" " Bureau of Charities.....		1
" " Department of Public Instruction.....	1	
" " Long Island Historical Society.....		1
" " Young Men's Christian Association.....		1
Brunswick, Me., Bowdoin College.....		1
Bryce, Lloyd S., M. C.....	4	
Buffalo, N. Y., Buffalo Express.....		1
" " " Historical Society.....		2
" " " Library.....		2

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	VOLS.	PAM.
Burlington, Vt., Fletcher Free Library		1
Butler, E. H., Buffalo, N. Y.	1	
Cambridge, Mass., Harvard University	1	8
Camp, Hugh N.	1	
Cassell & Co.	1	
Chalmers, Patrick, Wimbledon, Eng.		1
Chambers, Rev. Talbot W., D.D., LL. D.		1
Chase, Charles A., Worcester, Mass.		1
Chicago, Ill., Chicago Public Library		1
" " Department of Public Works		1
" " Newberry Library		1
Child, Rev. Frank S., New Preston, Conn.		1
Cincinnati, O., Chamber of Commerce	1	
" " Public Library	1	5
" " Young Men's Mercantile Library Assoc'n. .		1
College Hill, Mass., Tufts College		1
Cook, Hon. Frederick, Secretary of State, Albany, N. Y. .	1	
Crosby, Ernest H.	2	
Crunden, Frederick M., Librarian, St Louis, Mo.		1
Danvers, Mass., Peabody Institute		1
Darling, Charles W., Utica, N. Y.		1
Depew, Hon. Chauncey M.		2
Detroit Public Library		1
Dinsmore, Bryant W.	1	
Duffield, H. T.	1	
Ellis, John, M. D., Edgewater, N. J.	1	
Emilio, Luis F.		1
Forster, Joseph, London, Eng.	1	
Fremont, O., Birchard Library	1	
Fullerton, Alexander	1	1
Gallison & Hobron Co.	1	
Germantown, Philadelphia, Pa., Friends' Free Library and Reading Room		1
Gibson, Jos. W.	2	
Glasgow, Scotland, Mitchell Library		1
Gloucester, Mass., Sawyer Free Library	1	
Goodell, Abner C., Jr., Boston, Mass.		2
Grand Rapids, Mich., Public School Library		1
Great Yarmouth, Eng., Free Library		1
Gunn, Robert A., M.D.		1
Hartford, Conn., Hartford Library Association		4
" " Hartford Steam-boiler Inspection and In- surance Co.	1	
" " Trinity College		1
Hasskarl, Rev. G. C. H., Ramseys, Bergen Co., N. J.		2
Helleberg, C. G., Cincinnati, O.	1	
Hoit, T. W., St. Louis, Mo.		1
Huebsch, Samuel	1	
Iowa, (State of) State Library		1
Isham, Charles	1	
Jackson, Henry R., General, Marietta, Ga.		1
Jordan, Mrs. M. C., Pittsfield, Mass.		67
Kelsey, Chas. B., M. D.	1	

	VOLS.	PAM.
King, Rufus, Yonkers, N. Y.....	1	
Knoth, L., M. D.....		1
Lancaster, Mass., Library Committee.....		2
League of American Wheelmen.....		1
Liverpool, Eng., Free Public Library, Museum and Walker Art Gallery.....		1
London, Eng., Cobden Club.....		2
" " Society for Protection of Animals from Viv- isection.....		38
" " Society of Arts.....	1	
Los Angeles, Cal., Historical Society of Southern California.....		1
Lowell, Mass., Middlesex Mechanics' Association.....		1
Lynn, Mass., Public Library.....		1
McCook, Gen. Anson G., Washington, D. C.....	5	
Manchester, N. H., City Library.....		1
Milwaukee, Wis., Public Library.....		6
National Eclectic Medical Association of the United States of America.....	7	
New Haven, Conn., Yale University.....		2
New Jersey (State of) State Geologist..... 4 maps etc.		1
" " " State Library.....	1	
" " New Jersey Historical Society.....		1
New York (State of) Bureau of Statistics of Labor.....	2	
" " " Chamber of Commerce.....	1	
" " " Civil Service Commission.....	1	
" " " Commissioners of the State Reserva- tion at Niagara.....		4
" " " Forest Commission.....	1	
" " " Secretary of State.....	19	
" " " State Geologist.....	1	5
" " " State Library.....	4	
New York State Pharmaceutical Association.....	1	
" " " Society of the Cincinnati.....	2	
New York (City of) Aqueduct Commissioners....	1	
" " " Board of Education.....	4	
" " " " Police Justices.....	1	
" " " Common Council.....	10	
" " " Department of Street Cleaning.....		1
" " " Fire Department.....	1	
" " " Meteorological Observatory.....		13
New York American Bible Society.....		1
" " " Home Missionary Society.....		2
" " " Magazine.....		2
" " " Veterinary College.....		1
" Apprentices' Library.....	1	6
" Astor Library.....	1	1
" Century Club.....	1	
" Charity Organization Society of the City of N.Y.....		1
" College of the City of N. Y.....		1
" Colored Home and Hospital.....		1
" Columbia College Library.....		1
" " " School of Library Economy....		6
" Cooper Union.....		1

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	VOLS.	PAM.
New York Eclectic Medical College.....		1
" General Society of Mechanics and Tradesmen..		1
" German Society of the City of N. Y.....		1
" Independence Day Association of Harlem.....	1	
" Maimonides Library.....		1
" New York Academy of Sciences.....	1	4
" " Cancer Hospital.....		1
" " Free Circulating Library.....		7
" " Hospital and Bloomingdale Asylum..		1
" " Institution for the Blind.....		1
" " Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children.....		1
" Produce Exchange.....	1	
" Roosevelt Hospital		1
" Sheltering Arms.....		1
" Society for the Reformation of Juvenile Delin- quents.....		1
" Society for the Relief of the Ruptured and Crip- pled.....		1
" Thirteen Club.....		1
" Typothetæ.....		1
" Woman's Medical College of the N.Y. Infirmary.		1
" Xavier Union.....		1
" Young Men's Christian Association.....		1
" " " " " International Committee.....		1
Newark, N. J., Newark Library Association.....		1
Newport, R. I., Redwood Library and Athenæum.....		1
Newton, Mass., Newton Free Library		1
Ohio, (State of), State Library.....	8	
Omaha, Neb., Omaha Public Library.....		1
Paterson, N. J., Free Public Library.....		2
Patton, Jacob Harris, M. A., Ph. D.....	1	
Peabody, Mass., Peabody Institute		1
Perry, Mrs. B. F., Greenville, S. C.....		2
Philadelphia, Pa., American New Church Tract and Pub- lication Society.....		2
" " Apprentices' Library Company.....		1
" " Board of Public Education.....	1	
" " Library Company.....		3
" " Mercantile Library.....		5
" " Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, Alumni Association.....		1
" " Philadelphia Times.....		1
" " State Penitentiary for the Eastern Dis- trict of Pa.....		1
Porter, Fitz John, General, Morristown, N. J.....		1
Poughkeepsie, N. Y., City Library....		1
Prime, Rev. Edward D. G.....	1	
Providence, R. I., Providence Athenæum.....		1
" " Public Library.....		2
" " Rhode Island Historical Society.....		2
Randol, James B., New Almaden, Cal.....	1	

	VOLS.	PAM.
Raum, George E.	1	
Roberts, Milton Josiah, M. D.		2
Rochester, N. Y., University of Rochester		1
" " Warner Observatory.		1
Royal Society of Canada.	1	
St. Louis, Mo., Mercantile Library Association		2
" " Public Library ..		1
Salem, Mass., Essex Institute.		8
San Francisco, Cal., Mechanics' Institute.	1	
" " Mercantile Library Association.		1
" " Odd Fellows' Library Association.		1
Sanford, Rev. Enoch, Raynham, Mass.		1
Santa Clara, Cal., Santa Clara College		1
Simmons, J. Edward, LL. D.		2
Simms, Joseph, M. D.	1	
Smith, Dr. Edward A.	1	
South Norwalk, Conn., Public Library.		1
Springfield, Mass., City Library Association.		1
Stebbins, Giles B., Detroit, Mich.	1	
Sutro, Theodore.	3	
Swansea, Eng., Public Library and Gallery of Art.		1
Taunton, Mass., Public Library		4
Taylor, H. C.		2
Topeka, Kan., Free Public Library.		1
United States, Library of Congress	2	
" " Department of Justice.	4	2
" " " State	2	17
" " Department of the Interior.	98	25
" " " " " Bureau of Education	4	2
" " " " " Labor.	1	
" " " " " Geological Survey.		2
" " " " " Interstate Commerce		
Commission.	1	
" " " " " Patent Office.	11	
" " Department of the Navy, Naval Observatory	1	
" " Department of the Post Office.	2	
" " Department of the Treasury.	2	
" " " " " Bureau of Navigation	1	
" " " " " Statistics.		5
" " " " " Comptroller of the		
Currency.	2	
" " " " " Director of the Mint.	11	
" " " " " Life Saving Service.	1	
" " Department of War, Chief of Engineers.	7	
" " " " " Chief Signal Officer.	7	
" " " " " Surgeon General.	1	
Unknown Friend.		1
Washington, D. C., Smithsonian Institution	5	
Weeks, Captain John H., Philadelphia, Pa.		1
West Point, N. Y., U. S. Military Academy.		1
Wiman, Erastus.		1
Woodruff, E. H., Ithaca, N. Y.		1
Worcester, Mass., Free Public Library.		1

[APPENDIX X.]

HONORARY MEMBERS
OF THE
Mercantile Library Association.

MAY 1, 1888.

Benjamin G. Arnold
Isaac H. Bailey
Hon. Geo. Bancroft, LL. D.
Hon. Daniel D. Barnard
F. A. P. Barnard, LL. D., S. T. D.
Isaac Bell
William A. Booth
M. C. D. Borden
Edgar Botsford
Hugh N. Camp
Luther Clark
Hon. John Cochrane
Thomas S. Cummings
Hon. Charles P. Daly
Orville Dewey D. D.
Richard J. Dodge
Prof. R. Ogden Doremus
Alexander F. Duncan
Charles Edwards
Benjamin H. Field
Hon. Hamilton Fish
Wm. H. Furniss, D. D.
Parke Godwin
John H. Gourlie
S. Hastings Grant
Wm. H. Guion
Hon. A. Oakey Hall
William Harris, D. D.
John Home, Jr.
Wilson G. Hunt

John B. Hurd
John D. Jones
Louis Kossuth
Richard Lathers
Rev. Harmon Loomis, D. D.
Allan McLane
Benj. F. Manierre
Manton Marble
Samuel Marsh
Hon. F. E. Mather
Nathaniel F. Moore, LL. D.
Edmund Moorewood
J. Seaver Page
S. H. Pennington, M. D.
George L. Prentiss, D. D.
William C. Prime
Rossiter W. Raymond
Wm. Remsen
Jackson S. Schultz
Benj. D. Silliman
Jonathan D. Steele
Hon. Thos. E. Stewart
F. W. Steinbrenner
Henry A. Stone
Francis Thompson
Silas Totten, D. D.
Richard I. Tucker
G. B. Vroom
Alex. S. Webb
Hon. Wm. H. Wickham

[APPENDIX XI.]

To the Board of Directors of the Mercantile Library Association, N. Y.

Pursuant to the Articles creating the Permanent Catalogue Fund I respectfully submit the following report of the moneys in my hands at the present date belonging to said Fund.

Amount on hand as per last report.....	\$3,492 03
Interest accrued to January 1, 1888.....	105 73
Donation from ex-Officers' Union, Dec. 31, 1887, cash	307 23
" " " " \$100 U. S. 4½% Bond.	
	<hr/> \$3,904 99
Loaned to Library for cataloguing purposes, July 28, 1887.....	1,000 00
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Amount on hand in Savings Banks.....	\$2,904 99
U. S. 4½% Bond.....	100 00

A. W. SHERMAN,

Treasurer Permanent Catalogue Fund.

[APPENDIX XII.]

OFFICERS AND MEMBERS
OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTION
AND
Officers of the Association for 1888-'89.

President,
T. A. SANDLAND.

Vice-President,
T. S. RUMNEY.

Treasurer,
W. D. SEARLS.

Secretary,
A. WETMORE, JR. •

Directors,

CHAS. H. PATRICK,	JAMES MAGEE,
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[APPENDIX XIII.]

TRUSTEES OF THE PERMANENT CATALOGUE FUND.

F. A. SANDLAND,
President Mercantile Library Association, ex-officio.

A. WETMORE, JR.,
Secretary Mercantile Library Association, ex-officio.

ISAAC H. BAILEY,
President of the Clinton Hall Association, ex-officio.

DAN'L F. APPLETON, ARTHUR W. SHERMAN,
From the Members at Large.

TRUSTEES OF THE CLINTON HALL ASSOCIATION.

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President. *Secretary.*

M. C. D. BORDEN,
Treasurer.

Sixty-Eighth Annual Report

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PRESIDENTS OF THE ASSOCIATION

FROM ITS ORGANIZATION.

1820-23—LUCIUS BULL.	1860-61—CHAS. E. KING SHERMAN
1823-24—CORNELIUS SAVAGE.	1861-62—CHAS. F. ALLEN.
1824-26—BENJAMIN I. SEWARD.	1862-63—CHARLES OSGOOD.
1827-31—R. B. BROWN.	1863-64—CHARLES H. SWORDS.
1832-34—JOHN W. STEBBINS.	1864-65—THEODORE H. VULTEE.
1834-35—R. R. BOYD.	1865-66—ROBT. WALKER IRWIN.
1836-37—CHARLES ROLFE.	1866-67—AARON C. ALLEN.
1838.....EDMUND COFFIN.	1867-68—ALEXANDER RHIND.
1839.....JOHN S. WINTHROP.	1868-69—CHARLES F. ALLEN.
1839.....ELIJAH WARD.	1869-70—M. C. D. BORDEN.
1840.....AUGUSTUS E. SILLIMAN.	1870.....M. C. D. BORDEN.
1841.....HECTOR MORISON.	1871.....CHARLES F. ALLEN.
1842.....JOHN T. ROLLINS.	1871-72—ARTHUR W. SHERMAN.
1843.....LEWIS McMULLEN.	1872.....CHARLES H. WILSON.
1843.....RICHARD BURLEW.	1872-73—PETER VOORHIS.
1844-45—CHARLES E. MILNOR.	1873-74—CHAS. S. ARTHUR.
1846-47—CORNELIUS L. EVERITT.	1874-75—SAM'L PUTNAM.
1848.....THOMAS W. GROSER.	1875-76—CHAS. C. HOUGH.
1849.....ISAAC H. BAILEY.	1876-77—WM. H. GUION, JR.
1850.....THOMAS J. BAYAUD.	1877-78—WM. H. GUION, JR.
1851.....HENRY A. OAKLEY.	1878-79—SEYMOUR A. BUNCE.
1852.....GEORGE PECKHAM.	1879-80—W. D. SEARLS.
1853.....WILLARD L. FELT.	1880-81—CHAS. H. PATRICK.
1854.....DANIEL F. APPLETON.	1881-82—CHAS. H. PATRICK.
1855.....D. REYNOLDS BUDD.	1882-83—A. WETMORE, JR.
1855-56—GEORGE C. WOOD.	1883-84—ALEX. M. EAGLESON.
1856-57—JOHN CRERAR.	1884-85—A. H. TIMPSON.
1857-58—ROWLAND H. TIMPSON.	1885-86—JAMES MAGEE.
1857-58—ALEXANDER P. FISKE.	1886-87—JOHN BYERS.
1858-59—E. BOUDINOT SERVOS.	1887-88—J. L. GRAHAM.
1859-60—RICHARD A. BACHIA.	1888-89—F. A. SANDLAND.

OFFICERS AND MEMBERS
OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTION

AND

Officers of the Association for 1888-'89.

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Sixty-eighth Annual Report.

Fellow Members :

It becomes my duty, as it is my pleasure, to present herewith the 68th annual report of our Association, being an account of the business and transactions for the year ending April 30th, 1889:

EXTENT AND GROWTH OF THE LIBRARY.

The number of books contained in the Library, as given in the last annual report, was 219,502 volumes.

During the year just closed there has been added 7,315 volumes.

Of this number, 7,020 volumes were obtained by purchase with the funds of the Library, and 295 volumes were donated.

With one exception, this is the largest number of books that has been added to the Library in a single year since 1877.

We have sold during the year 2,483 volumes of our duplicate books.

The number of books condemned by reason of being soiled and shelf worn was 250 volumes. 41 volumes of duplicate public documents of the National Government were returned to the Interior Department at Washington. The worn-out and imperfect books numbered 499 volumes, making a total of 3,273 volumes. Deducting these books from the gross accessions, makes our net increase for the year 4,042 volumes. The total number of volumes in the Library April 30th, 1889, was 223,544.

The soiled and shelf-worn books were donated to the State Charities Aid Association for distribution to the inmates of hospitals, asylums, &c.

We think it will be quite generally conceded that the demands of our members for fresh and new books in all the departments of literature have been uniformly and very fairly met.

As a matter of course, the demand for works of fiction very largely predominates, and this requires the purchase of a number of copies of each book.

The most notable purchases of this class has been 140 copies of "Robert Elsmere," by Mrs. Humphrey Ward, and 62 copies of "John Ward, Preacher," by Margaret Deland.

Among the standard books for which the demand required extra copies the most popular were James Bryce, "The American Commonwealth," published in two volumes; John Lathrop Motley's "Correspondence," in two volumes, and Paul Blouët's "Jonathan and his Continent."

Of "The American Commonwealth," 35 copies (70 volumes) were purchased; of "Motley's Correspondence," 26 copies (52 volumes), and of "Jonathan and his Continent," 36 copies.

The new and current literature of the day has in all cases been obtained immediately upon publication.

On Saturday, April 13th, four publishing houses in this city and one in Boston each advertised a new book. These books were by five different authors. An order was given for 115 copies of them. They were received at the Library, catalogued, stamped, made ready for circulation, and before the Library closed on the day they were published all but two of them were in the hands of our readers.

CIRCULATION.

The total number of books circulated during the year was 158,683 volumes. This is an increase over the previous year of 7,369 volumes.

The issue was divided as follows:

From the Library, Astor Place.....	82,132	volumes.
" Fifth Avenue Branch.....	51,248	"
" Down Town ".....	23,293	"
Delivered at members' residences.....	2,010	"
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Total circulation	158,683	"

The classification of the circulation is as follows :

Theology.....	2,608	volumes,	1 ⁴⁴ ₁₀₀ %
Mental and moral science.....	2,656	"	1 ⁴⁴ ₁₀₀ %
Political science.....	4,134	"	2 ⁶³ ₁₀₀ %
Literature.....	22,666	"	14 ⁴⁸ ₁₀₀ %
History, geography and travels.....	17,413	"	10 ⁸⁸ ₁₀₀ %
Biography.....	9,329	"	5 ⁸⁸ ₁₀₀ %
Mathematics.....	204	"	1 ¹⁰ ₁₀₀ %
Natural science.....	2,012	"	1 ³⁴ ₁₀₀ %
Medical science.....	880	"	1 ⁰⁰ ₁₀₀ %
Arts.....	3,325	"	2 ¹⁰ ₁₀₀ %
Fiction, English.....	80,943	"	51 ⁰⁰ ₁₀₀ %
do. French.....	8,883	"	5 ⁴⁰ ₁₀₀ %
do. German.....	3,352	"	2 ¹⁴ ₁₀₀ %
do. other foreign.....	79	"	1 ⁰⁰ ₁₀₀ %
	158,683		100 %

The following is the circulation by months :

May.....	14,209	volumes,
June.....	13,537	"
July.....	10,203	"
August.....	8,059	"
September.....	9,743	"
October.....	12,919	"
November.....	14,266	"
December.....	15,071	"
January.....	17,187	"
February.....	14,370	"
March.....	16,062	"
April.....	13,057	"
	158,683	"

The average monthly circulation was 13,223 $\frac{1}{2}$ volumes. The largest issue was in the month of January and the smallest in August.

The average daily circulation was 520 volumes. The largest number of books circulated in a single day was 1,004 volumes, on February 23d, and the smallest, 99 volumes, on September 3d. 5,014 notices were sent to members to return books retained over time.

MEMBERSHIP.

Total number of members on April 30th, 1888, was..	3,661
Active members added during the year..... 197	
Subscribing members added during the year.....1,018	
	1,210
Active members' accounts closed..... 827	
Subscribing members' accounts closed.....1,088	
	1,415
A decrease for the year of.....	205
	3,456
Number of active members April 30th, 1889....	1,244
" " subscrib'g " " " "	2,212
" " honorary " " " "	59
" " editors using Library	30
Members of Clinton Hall Association.....	1,701
Total number of persons entitled to use the Library	
April 30th, 1889 ..	5,246

FINANCES.

The total income of the Library for the year from all sources was \$30,349.39.

For books, periodicals and binding the amount expended was \$5,221.98.

Add to this amount the sum of \$5,378, spent for books by Clinton Hall Association, makes the total expenditure for books, etc., \$10,599.98.

We refer you to the Treasurer's report for other details of receipts and expenditures.

BRANCH LIBRARY, 426 Fifth Avenue.

The number of volumes on the shelves at this Branch, as per the last annual report, was 15,313 volumes.

There has since been added 2,347 volumes, making the total number of volumes on the 30th of April, 1889, 17,660.

The number of books circulated during the year was 51,248 volumes, classified as follows :

MERCANTILE LIBRARY.

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Theology	448	volumes.
Mental and moral science.....	486	"
Political science.....	811	"
Literature	4,009	"
History, geography and travels.....	3,611	"
Biography	2,407	"
Mathematics.....	83	"
Natural science.....	309	"
Medical science	99	"
Arts	309	"
Fiction—English	34,736	"
“ French	2,890	"
“ German.....	1,104	"
“ other foreign.....	1	"
	<u>51,248</u>	"

The circulation by months was :

May	5,253	"
June	5,154	"
July.....	2,644	"
August	1,205	"
September	2,473	"
October.....	3,909	"
November	4,439	"
December	4,681	"
January	5,746	"
February.....	5,175	"
March	5,853	"
April	4,717	"
	<u>51,248</u>	"

The average monthly circulation was $4,270\frac{2}{3}$ volumes.

The average daily circulation was 168 volumes.

The largest number of books issued in one day was on February 23d, 363 volumes. The smallest on September 3d, 39 volumes.

On April 30th, the number of persons using this branch was 1,438, as follows :

Members and subscribers.....	1,172
Clinton Hall stockholders.....	266
	<u>1,438</u>
Total	1,438

The reading room attached to this branch, which occupied the entire first floor, was permanently closed on the 1st of July last.

This room was opened on the 1st of June, 1886, and had been maintained at great expense, with very inadequate returns, for over two years. At no time during this period was the patronage sufficient to justify the management in keeping the room open.

It had been noted that a large percentage of those who used this room also frequented the reading room at the main Library, thus showing that it was convenient for many to make use of either or both rooms just as their fancy dictated. After thorough consideration your Board became convinced that there was not sufficient demand for a reading room in this locality to warrant the longer continuance of the experiment and the great outlay necessary for its support.

The room was rented for business purposes from the 1st of October last at a very fair rent, thereby considerably decreasing the cost of maintenance.

The number of books circulated during the year shows an increase of 2,857 volumes over the previous year, while the number of persons using the Branch decreased 52.

DOWN-TOWN BRANCH, 33 Liberty Street.

The total number of books circulated from this branch was 23,293 volumes, classified as follows :

Theology	235	volumes.
Mental and moral science	319	"
Political science	643	"
Literature	2,231	"
History, geography and travels.....	1,639	"
Biography.....	1,009	"
Mathematics.....	41	"
Natural science	177	"
Medical science	60	"
Arts	164	"
Fiction—English.....	15,451	"
“ French.....	1,110	"
“ German.....	214	"
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	23,293	"

READING ROOM STATISTICS.

	Attendance.
1888—May.....	2,352
“ June.....	1,588
“ July.....	1,485
“ August.....	1,647
“ September.....	2,189
“ October.....	2,229
“ November.....	2,045
“ December.....	1,991
1889—January.....	2,158
“ February.....	2,504
“ March.....	2,412
“ April.....	2,090
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	24,640
Monthly average.....	2,053 ¹ / ₄
Daily average (305 days).....	80

Catalogues and readers' aids.

Bulletin No. 11, containing the accessions to the Library from September, 1887, to November, 1888, was issued in the month of December.

Accession lists of the new books added to the Library, Nos. 125-172 of the books in the English language, and Nos. 30-41 of the foreign books, in all 6,300 copies, were issued and given to the readers free of charge.

The following additions have been made to our card catalogues :

To the Public catalogue, Astor Place .	7,499	Cards.	75	Guides.
“ Official “	7,429	“	75	“
“ Uptown branch catalogue.....	2,490	“	65	“
“ Downtown “ “ ...	587	“		
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Total... ..	17,985	“	215	“

DONATIONS.

A list of the books and pamphlets donated to the Library, with the name of the donors, will be found in an appendix attached to

this report. The number of books so received was 295 volumes, and the pamphlets numbered 442. We take this opportunity to again thank the friends who have so kindly remembered us throughout the year, and bespeak a continuance of their favors in the future.

BOARD OF DIRECTION.

Mr. Alphonse Christlieb resigned his position as one of the directors of the Library on June 11th, 1888. Mr. Manton E. Townsend was elected to fill the vacancy occasioned by this resignation.

CLINTON HALL ASSOCIATION.

The following correspondence passed between your Board and the Trustees of Clinton Hall Association during the year:

MERCANTILE LIBRARY, *New York, Dec. 19, 1888.*

To the Trustees of Clinton Hall Association :

GENTLEMEN: Understanding you are shortly to further consider the question of a proper location for a new building for our Library, we take this opportunity to reiterate the views already communicated, that we consider the present site in Astor Place, with a modern building, better suited to our wants than a building elsewhere, if said building is to involve heavy indebtedness.

Very respectfully,

F. A. SANDLAND,
President.

T. S. RUMNEY,
Vice-President.

W. D. SEARLS,
Treasurer.

AUG. WETMORE, JR.,
Secretary.

CHAS. WAGER HULL.
JAMES MAGEE,
J. L. GRAHAM,

ALEX. M. EAGLESON,
CHAS. H. PATRICK,
ALF. H. TIMPSON,

MANTON E. TOWNSEND.

CLINTON HALL ASSOCIATION, *New York, Jan. 14, 1889.*

F. A. SANDLAND, ESQ., *President Mercantile Library Association.*

DEAR SIR:—I beg to notify you of the action of the Trustees of Clinton Hall Association, at their meeting January 4th, in regard to a new building for the use of the Library, &c., which was, that we would build on the present site; but in as much as all our leases run until May, 1890, we would not commence building until May, 1890. We then hope to put up a building that shall fitly represent both your own and our Association.

Yours truly,

HUGH N. CAMP,

Secretary.

PARIS EXPOSITION OF 1889.

In November last, the following letter was received by our Librarian.

UNITED STATES COMMISSION TO THE PARIS EXPOSITION OF 1889,
1825 Fifth Avenue, Troy, N. Y.

W. T. PEOPLES, *Librarian, N. Y. Mercantile Library.*

DEAR SIR:—It is proposed to make the library and association publications important features in the U. S. Educational Exhibit at the Paris Exposition this summer, and we would be pleased to receive a set of bound volumes of the publications of your Association and the latest Catalogue of your Library; also, we shall be pleased, if you are so disposed, to donate with your compliments at the close of the Exposition the same to such association or library as you may choose. After your exhibit reaches me it will be to no further expense to you. Yours respectfully,

C. WELLMAN PARKS,

U. S. Supt. of Education, Paris Exposition, 1889.

It was resolved to comply with the above request, and the Librarian was requested to prepare the matter necessary to fitly represent the work of our Institution. The following list comprises our exhibit,

Six bound volumes of catalogues ; three volumes of annual reports , one copy of " New York during the Revolution ; " copy of the proceedings of the 50th Anniversary celebration of the Library ; copy of our Constitution and By-Laws ; Specimens of the blank forms used in the administration of the Library ; four cards, each two feet square, containing a list of newspapers and periodicals on file in our reading room ; one large card containing the statistics of last year's business ; a specimen of the public card catalogue in use at the Library, and two photographs, being an interior and exterior view of Clinton Hall.

It has been ordered that at the close of the Exposition, the above mentioned articles shall be donated to the Bibliothèque Nationale, Paris.

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

OF THE INAUGURATION OF GEORGE WASHINGTON, AS PRESIDENT
OF THE UNITED STATES.

The following letter pertaining to this celebration was received.

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION HEAD-QUARTERS
FIFTH AVENUE HOTEL.
CIVIC AND INDUSTRIAL PARADE.

New York, April 17th, 1889.

MY DEAR SIR :—I am directed by Gen'l Butterfield, Chief Marshal of the Civic and Industrial parade of May 1st, to say, that it is his desire that all organizations similar to yours, shall if possible, be suitably represented in some agreeable manner in the Civic and Industrial parade. Having in mind the fact, that the record of the parade and the organizations represented, will probably become historical and be preserved by the Committee in printed form. He desires a conference with a representative from your Association with a view to arranging this matter in such manner that it shall be acceptable to your body, and that your Association shall not be overlooked in the matter.

He has fixed upon the 20th of April, at 8 o'clock, P. M., for this

conference, and requests your body to designate some one of your officials authorized therefor, to meet him with gentlemen from other bodies called together for that same purpose on that day, at the large rooms at the General Society of the Mechanics' and Tradesmen's building, 18 East 16th Street.

Yours respectfully,

PAUL A. OLIVER,

Ass't Marshal.

F A. SANDLAND,

Pres. of the Mercantile Library Ass'n, N. Y.

In compliance with this request your Board designated the President, to represent our Association at the conference, with power to do what he deemed best to carry out the ideas contained in the above letter. At the conference, after an interchange of views, it was decided that each society should be represented in the civic and industrial parade by one delegate only, and by the courtesy of General Butterfield, Chief Marshal, these delegates were named as a portion of his aids.

On the morning of May 1st, before the procession had passed in review, these representatives of the literary and commercial bodies of our City assembled, and headed by his Honor, the Mayor of New York, proceeded to the grand stand where the President of the United States was located and presented him the following address :

"The undersigned, representatives of the civic, commercial, industrial and educational organizations of the City of New York, on the occasion of the Centennial celebration of the inauguration of Washington, the first President, present anew to the President of the United States in his official capacity, their allegiance to the Government, Constitution and the laws with their congratulations upon the completion of a century of a constitutional government, and the progress made in that century."

The following is the report of the Committee appointed to examine the books and other property of the Association:

New York, April 6, 1889.

To the President and Board of Directors of the Mercantile Library Association :

GENTLEMEN:—The undersigned, the special committee appointed by your body to examine the condition of the books and property of the Association, report that they have performed the duty assigned them.

The condition of the books, their arrangement on the shelves, and the cleanly condition of the Library we heartily commend.

We believe the property to be as well cared for as the surroundings and situation will permit.

This measure of commendation does not apply to the condition and arrangement of the Library building.

We endorse the report made to your Board by the examining committee last year.

We think that committee fully justified when they stated that the "building is dilapidated, insecure, and about the last place in the world for the storing of a great collection of valuable books."

We are pleased to learn that there is good reason for hoping that this condition of affairs is about to be remedied, and that steps have already been taken towards providing at an early date a new home for the Library.

Without presuming to pass judgment on any site that may be selected for a new library building, we think that every friend of the Library should rejoice at the prospect of rescuing from the danger of destruction this valuable collection of books, now numbering over 220,000 volumes.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. F. ALLEN,
FRED. M. PATRICK,
D. C. TIEBOUT,
JOHN W. CHAMBERS.

CONCLUSION.

In closing we wish to express our satisfaction with the decision of the Trustees of Clinton Hall Association, to tear down the old building which we now occupy and erect a modern building on the present site. The result arrived at after such lengthy consideration will entail a greater amount of labor on those connected with the Library, than would be the case if we could change direct from the old to a new building.

Many difficulties will doubtless be encountered in transacting our business during the period the new building is being erected.

We believe, however, they can be overcome. It is imperative that we should have a new building and at the earliest time practicable.

We congratulate the friends of the Library on what we believe to be the wisest and best possible solution of a problem which has been agitated, and has engaged the attention of the Library management for the past twenty years.

On behalf of the Board of Direction,

F. A. SANDLAND,

New York, May 14, 1889.

President.

68th ANNUAL MEETING.

The 68th annual meeting of the Mercantile Library Association was held in the reading room, Clinton Hall, on Tuesday afternoon, May 14th, 1889.

The meeting was called to order at half past five o'clock by the President of the Association, Mr. F. A. Sandland, who took the chair.

The minutes of the 67th annual meeting were read, and, on motion, approved.

The Secretary read reports of the President and Treasurer of the Clinton Hall Association, which were received and ordered to be printed with the annual report.

The report of Mr. W. D. Searls, the Treasurer of the Association, was read, and, on motion, approved.

The President then read the 68th annual report of the Association, which, on motion, was received and 1,000 copies ordered to be printed for distribution among the members.

On motion, the meeting adjourned.

T. S. RUMNEY,
Secretary pro tem.

APPENDIXES TO ANNUAL REPORT.

[APPENDIX I.]

TREASURER'S REPORT

OF THE

MERCANTILE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION,

For the Year ending April 30th, 1889.

RECEIPTS.

Balance April 30, 1888.....	\$3,382 44
Initiation fees	1,210 00
Semi-annual dues	13,475 00
Duplicate accounts.....	606 00
Amount received for extra books and fines	3,481 76
Catalogues	63 80
Duplicate books.....	627 20
Interest	1,025 00
Permanent catalogue fund interest	208 25
Book delivery	233 65
Clinton Hall.....	5,050 54
Old paper.....	35 75
Rent (Fifth Ave. branch).....	950 00
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	\$30,349 39

EXPENDITURES.

Books.....	\$2,121 85
Periodicals	1,819 42
Binding.....	1,280 71
Fixtures	172 20
Light.....	379 45
Salaries	8,000 95
Incidentals	557 45
Liberty St. branch	2,335 66
Fifth Ave. branch.....	7,550 19
Stationery and printing.....	817 71
Permanent catalogue fund.....	1,000 00
Catalogue	1,230 56
Book delivery	300 00
Postage	178 54
Advertising	512 67
Balance Lincoln National Bank.....	2,092 03
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	\$30,349 39

[APPENDIX II.]

Clinton Hall Association,

*May 14, 1889.**To the President and Directors of the Mercantile Library Association:*

I have the pleasure of transmitting to you the report of the Treasurer for the fiscal year ending to-day.

It will be seen that the ground purchased in 1880, with the view of erecting a Library building upon it, has been sold. It was decided by the trustees, after much deliberation, that it was not, in all respects, a desirable location for the Library, and as a fair revenue was derived from the rentals of it, it was deemed best to hold it until a suitable opportunity occurred to dispose of it. That has at last been done on terms which have added a substantial sum to the funds of the association. A majority of the trustees, deferring largely to the wishes of the directors of the Library, which have been expressed with unanimity, have resolved to proceed as soon as practicable, which will probably be next May, to erect a suitable fire-proof edifice upon the present site, reserving all the room therein that is needed for the use of the Library and applying the residue for the purpose of rental, with the belief that a considerable income may be thereby obtained.

Very respectfully,

ISAAC H. BAILEY,

President.

[APPENDIX III]

ANNUAL REPORT

—OF—

M. C. D. BORDEN,

Treasurer Clinton Hall Association.

MAY, 1889.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand May 5th, 1888.....	\$	186	52
Rents collected, net.....		18,405	57
From sale 37th Street property, net.....		220,056	07
		<u>\$238,648</u>	<u>16</u>

EXPENDITURES.

Books	\$5,378	00
Binding.....	750	54
Coal.....	516	25
Janitor	399	96
Interest.....	3,320	00
Taxes	3,396	40
Water Tax.....	58	80
Plumbing.....	233	05
Safe Deposit Co.....	22	00

MERCANTILE LIBRARY.

Rent Liberty Street Branch.....	\$	425	00
" Fifth Avenue		3,100	00
Cleaning, lighting, &c.....		125	00
Clerical services.....		600	00
Printing Annual Report.....		50	00
		<u>\$18,375</u>	<u>00</u>
Cash in Bank		3,273	16
" Trust Co.....		100,000	00
Bond and Mortgage.....		117,000	00
		<u>\$238,648</u>	<u>16</u>

ANNUAL REPORT.

Of which is set apart as

CONTINGENT FUND.

Cash in Bank.....	3,000 00
" " Trust Co.....	100,000 00
Bond and Mortgage.....	117,000 00
	<u>\$220,000 00</u>

INSURANCE.

On Building.....	\$72,000 00
" Books.....	66,000 00
" Furniture.....	12,150 00
	<u>\$150,150 00</u>

BOOKS ADDED DURING THE YEAR, 4,875 VOLUMES.

CLASSIFIED AS FOLLOWS.

On Theology.....	121
" Mental and Moral Science.....	74
" Political Science.....	277
" Literature.....	398
" History, Geography and Travels.....	326
" Biography.....	235
" Mathematics.....	8
" Natural Science.....	68
" Medical Science.....	23
" Art.....	93
" Fiction.....	2,757
	<u>4,875</u>
Previous purchases.....	56,847
Total number of volumes added by Clinton Hall.....	<u>61,222</u>

M. C. D. BORDEN,

NEW YORK, May 14, 1889.

Treasurer.

[APPENDIX IV.]
ANNUAL ADDITIONS OF MEMBERS AND BOOKS.
 Expenditures for Books, Total Receipts, etc., from the 9th of November,
 1820, to the 1st of May, 1889.

YEARS.	No. of Mem- bers who have joined the Library.	No. of Vols. acquired by purchase & donation.	Amount Ex- pended for Books and Periodicals.	Amount Ex- pended for Binding.	Donations received.	Total Receipts.
1820-21	204	1,000	\$600 00		\$600 00	\$900 00
1821-22	76	250	273 00		150 00	510 00
1822-23	81	100	150 00		250 00	726 00
1823-24	77	175	208 00			712 23
1824-25	257	675	619 00	\$73 00	785 00	1,460 00
1825-26	471	1,000	756 72	190 92	785 73	2,246 42
1826-27	360	1,200	695 12	31 38		1,750 52
1827-28	225	1,000	880 27	146 25		1,572 47
1828-29	414	600	502 30	154 28		1,701 81
1829-30	466	600	567 91	99 25		1,756 82
1830-31	507	750	1,177 19	68 48		2,360 71
1831-32	383	864	1,107 36	197 55		3,033 58
1832-33	382	1,379	1,303 98	224 20		2,978 98
1833-34	383	1,000	1,278 20	223 12		2,977 59
1834-35	620	1,522	2,126 32	228 51		4,333 18
1835-36	867	1,845	2,286 74	250 70		5,110 80
1836-37	936	2,547	2,806 47	136 04		6,109 20
1837-38	1,008	2,471	3,115 72	423 91		7,477 99
1838-39	1,097	3,583	4,278 23	729 60		8,082 15
1839-40	501	390	1,995 10	615 42		7,071 17
1840-41	627	1,139	1,485 12	591 75		6,985 30
1841-42	306	1,252	2,179 79	670 77		5,567 70
1842-43	252	465	797 80	536 85		4,355 86
1843-44	387	745	708 35	271 25		3,959 20
1844-45	582	1,428	1,628 60	402 65		4,062 04
1845-46	609	1,883	2,072 59	500 34		5,044 61
1846-47	687	2,258	3,311 95	549 19		5,902 90
1847-48	681	2,276	3,392 71	445 52		6,266 21
1848-49	1,013	2,517	3,531 83	600 35		7,207 06
1849-50	1,116	1,865	2,608 63	286 72	3,000 00	10,691 95
1850-51	1,041	2,957	4,050 01	560 84		8,290 00
1851-52	1,293	4,346	4,786 35	889 67		9,931 72
1852-53	991	2,900	3,916 54	418 96		8,929 82
1853-54	1,216	2,400	3,019 07	381 26		9,691 95
1854-55	1,788	3,588	4,477 42	1,475 44		14,223 95
1855-56	1,088	1,921	1,884 21	661 10		10,453 95
1856-57	877	834	1,615 93	581 77		9,182 50
1857-58	969	3,040	3,537 40	521 53		9,500 59
1858-59	1,080	3,183	3,559 52	342 87	10,000 50	20,615 86
1859-60	1,109	2,827	3,141 37	318 62	50 00	11,249 19
1860-61	792	1,322	2,663 41	135 72	400 00	10,276 47
1861-62	803	4,581	3,258 70	817 08		12,711 21
1862-63	1,564	6,047	7,412 80	318 23		17,638 94
1863-64	2,830	7,408	10,430 81	546 60	4,000 00	29,146 81
1864-65	3,332	9,023	11,639 18	582 90	2,000 00	41,761 01
1865-66	2,825	10,090	12,479 11	1,000 45		40,380 36
1866-67	2,689	9,351	11,075 20	660 24	5,000 00	41,722 50
1867-68	2,434	12,024	13,092 98	503 75		38,014 82
1868-69	3,129	13,000	11,894 97	1,577 75		40,468 00
1869-70	2,379	12,210	10,831 01	1,414 70		42,253 81
1870-71	2,511	10,914	10,491 88	2,039 58		44,678 31
1871-72	2,004	6,919	6,631 26	2,208 85		38,869 46
1872-73	1,860	5,455	10,174 08	951 37	1,500 00	35,080 67
1873-74	1,850	9,062	10,397 00	591 50		34,657 83
1874-75	1,694	10,618	11,326 44	1,116 05	1,000 00	34,907 08
1875-76	1,844	10,198	10,307 24	1,189 24		35,094 76
1876-77	1,306	8,331	7,420 71	1,148 80	5,000 00	34,799 02
1877-78	1,254	7,027	6,949 38	739 84		27,357 53
1878-79	1,481	6,430	5,633 74	750 06		26,356 32
1879-80	1,195	4,446	4,951 56	736 91		23,542 95
1880-81	1,080	4,837	4,001 51	1,647 83		21,085 65
1881-82	976	5,220	3,578 99	1,426 12		22,022 52
1882-83	1,347	5,853	4,751 93	1,230 15		26,681 06
1883-84	1,253	6,920	4,452 23	1,507 14		27,305 61
1884-85	1,482	7,340	5,292 33	1,554 34		29,021 19
1885-86	1,453	6,318	4,125 69	1,306 23		28,827 12
1886-87	1,408	6,703	9,107 52	1,224 44		29,586 31
1887-88	1,210	7,315	9,319 27	1,280 71		30,349 89
1888-89						
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	76,849	261,525	\$304,924 33	\$45,086 81	\$34,580 75	\$1,100,542 42

[APPENDIX VI.]

Book Account.

Number of volumes April 30th, 1888.....	219,502
“ “ added this year by purchase.....	7,020
“ “ “ “ by donation.....	295
	<u>7,315</u>
English Books added.....	6,637
French “ “	391
German “ “	282
Other Foreign Books added.....	5
	<u>7,315</u>
Folio and Quarto.....	509
Octavo.....	1,399
Duodecimo, etc.....	5,407
	<u>7,315</u>
On Theology.....	202
“ Mental and Moral Science.....	117
“ Political Science.....	560
“ Natural Science.....	144
“ Literature.....	948
“ History, Geography and Travels.....	641
“ Biography.....	359
“ Mathematics.....	3
“ Medicine.....	61
“ Arts.....	215
“ English Fiction.....	3,630
“ French “	250
“ German “	176
	<u>7,315</u>
Less Surplus and Imperfect Books sold.....	8,273
	<u>4,042</u>
Total Number of Volumes April 30th, 1889.....	<u>223,544</u>
Books added by Clinton Hall Association.....	4,375 vols.
Pamphlets added.....	442
Periodicals bound.....	462 vols.
Pamphlets “	26 “
No. of Volumes at the Up-town Branch April 30, 1888.	15,313 vols.
Added this year.....	2,347 “
Total Number April 30, 1889.....	<u>17,660 vols.</u>

[APPENDIX VII.]

BINDING.

	NEW BOOKS.					OLD BOOKS.					GRAND TOTAL.
	Half Morocco.	Duck.	Half Roan.	Cloth.	TOTAL.	Duck.	Half Morocco.	Cloth.	Re-cased.	TOTAL.	
1888—May		48		135	203	3		58	41	102	306
June	1	32	2	154	189	8		55	40	103	292
July	1	48	1	110	160	3		41	46	90	250
August		69		95	164	1		43	58	102	366
September		13		110	123	7		52	42	101	294
October	1	38	2	216	257	6	4	95	61	166	423
November		30	1	229	260	8		57	29	94	354
December		22		143	167	18	4	75	51	148	315
1889—January	12	85	4	108	309	17		89	40	146	355
February		49	2	135	186	21		71	23	115	301
March	1	79		173	253	8		108	27	143	396
April	1	26		168	195	8		103	37	143	343
Total	17	539	12	1,798	2,366	106	8	847	495	1,458	3,824

[APPENDIX VIII.]

EXECUTIVE FORCE.

Librarian.

WM. T. PEOPLES.

Assistant Librarian.

T. J. TITUS.

Catalogue Department.

CHARLES BRUN. JOHN J. McSTRAVICK.

Book-keeper and Cashier.

T. R. McSTRAVICK.

Desk Clerks.

CHAS. COX, *Chief* CHAS. GROME.

FRANK G. MACNIERNEY.

Reading Room Attendant.

MISS LAURA BONN.

Liberty Street Branch.

JOHN J. O'BRIEN.

Fifth Avenue Branch.

LOUIS BATTRÉ. THOS. CRINIGAN.

L. H. FEICKERT.

Messenger.

WM. COSTELLO.

Janitor.

JOHN CRINIGAN.

[APPENDIX IX.]

LIST OF DONORS

TO THE

Mercantile Library Association,

For the Year ending April 30, 1889.

	VOLS.	PAM.
Albany, N. Y., Albany Medical College.....		1
American Antiquarian Society.....		2
" Bible Society.....		1
" Pharmaceutical Association.....	1	
" Protective Tariff League.....	1	
Amherst, Mass., Amherst College.....		8
Andover, Mass., Phillips Academy.....		1
" Theological Seminary.....		2
Annapolis, Md., U. S. Naval Academy.....		2
Ayer, J. C. & Co., Lowell, Mass.....	1	
Baltimore, Md., Enoch Pratt Free Library.....		1
" Johns Hopkins University.....		10
" New Mercantile Library Association.....		1
" Peabody Institute.....		1
Berkeley, Cal., University of California.....		1
Binney, Charles Chauncey, Philadelphia, Pa.....		1
Blair, Charles H.....		1
Blakiston, P., Son & Co., Philadelphia, Pa.....	1	
Boston, Mass., Public Library.....		4
Bradlee, Rev. Caleb D., Boston, Mass.....	1	
Branner, John C., Ph. D., Little Rock, Ark.....		5
Brookline, Mass., Public Library.....		1
Brooklyn, N. Y., Board of Education.....	1	
" Brooklyn Daily Eagle.....	1	
" Brooklyn Library.....		2
Brown, John Croumbie, Rev., LL.D., Haddington, Scotland..	6	
Brunswick, Me., Bowdoin College.....		1
Bryce, Hon. Lloyd S., Washington, D. C.....	12	
Burlington, Vt., Fletcher Free Library.....		1
Cambridge, Mass., Harvard University.....		7
Camp, Eugene M., Philadelphia, Pa.....		1
Cardiff, Engl., Cardiff Free Library, Museum, etc.....		1
Chalmers, Patrick, Wimbledon, Engl.....		1
Channing, Walter, M.D., Brookline, Mass.....		1
Chappell, W. Franklin, M.D.....		2
Chelsea, Mass., Public Library.....		1
Chesebrough, Robert A.....	1	
Chicago, Ill., Chicago Public Library.....		4
" Department of Public Works.....	2	
Cincinnati, O., Chamber of Commerce.....	1	
" Public Library.....	1	
" Young Men's Mercantile Library Association..		1

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	VOLS.	PAM.
Cleveland, O., Public Library.....		1
College Hill, Mass., Tufts College.		1
Columbus, O., Ohio State Library	16	1
Crosby, Hon. Ernest H.	1	
Danvers, Mass., Peabody Institute.....		1
Darling, Charles W., General, Utica, N. Y.		4
Dedham, Mass., Dedham Public Library.....		1
Depew, Chauncey M.		1
DePeyster, John Watts, General.....	1	
Detroit, Mich., Detroit Public Library.....		1
Elizabeth, N. J., Elizabeth Public Library and Reading Room.		1
Emra, J. N.	1	
Erickson, E. N.	1	
Ewing, Thomas, General, Marietta, O.		1
Fall River, Mass., Public Library.....		1
Fremont, O., Birchard Library.....		3
Frothingham, Ephraim L. and Arthur L., Baltimore, Md.	1	
Fullerton, Alexander, Wilkesbarre, Pa.		1
Gallison & Hobron Co.	1	
Germantown, Philadelphia, Pa., Friends' Free Library and Reading Room.....		1
Gibson, Joseph W.	4	
Gildehaus, Charles, St. Louis, Mo.	1	
Gorman, John J.		1
Grand Rapids, Mich., Public School Library.....		1
Hale, Eugene, Senator, Washington, D. C.	1	
Harris, Rev. Thos. R., D.D.		1
Hart, W. Fairburn, Leeds, Engl.		1
Hartford, Conn., Hartford Library Association.....		5
" " " Steamboiler Inspection and Ins. Co.	2	
" " " Theological Seminary.		3
" " " Trinity College.....		1
Hoffer, J. R., Mount Joy, Pa.		1
Hussey, Dr., Curtis G., Pittsburgh, Pa.	1	
Indianapolis, Ind., Public Library.....		1
Jackson, Hon. Martimer Melville, Madison, Wis.	1	
Jay, Hon. John.	1	2
Jordan, Mrs. M. C., Pittsfield, Mass.		18
Julien, Alexis A., Ph. D., Professor.....		9
Laidlaw Bros. & Co.	2	
Lancaster, Albert Edmund.....	1	
Lancaster, Mass., Library Committee.....		1
Lawrence, Mass., Free Public Library.....		2
Leeson, J. R., Boston, Mass.	1	1
Lexington, Va., Washington and Lee University.....		1
Lincoln, Neb., University of Nebraska.....		1
Liverpool, Eng., Free Public Library, Museum, and Walker Art Gallery.....		1
London, Eng., Cobden Club. one lot of Cobden Club Leaflets.	5	26
" " Society of Arts.	1	
Lowell, Mass., Lowell City Library.....		1
" " Middlesex Mechanics' Association.....		1
Lynn, Mass., Public Library.....		1

	VOLS.	PAM.
McCook, Anson G., General.....	5	
Macfie, R. A., London, Eng....	2	
McLean, George P., Simsbury, Conn.....		1
Manchester, N. H., City Library.....		1
Mann, Henry, North Providence, R. I.....	2	
Milwaukee, Wis., Milwaukee Public Library.....		5
Montreal, Canada, Royal Society of Canada.....	1	
Murray, Lindley, Brooklyn, N. Y. 1 package of miscel. pamphls.	1	
National Eclectic Medical Association of the U. S. of America.	1	
Nead, Benjamin M., Harrisburg, Pa.....		1
Neimyer, W. G., Chicago, Ill.....		1
New Bedford, Mass., Free Public Library.....		1
New Brunswick, N. J., Theological Seminary, Sage Library..		1
New Haven, Conn., Yale University.....		3
" " " Observatory.....		2
New Jersey, (State of) State Geologist..... 2 maps.	1	
" " " State Library.....	2	
New Jersey Historical Society.....	1	20
New York, (State of) Board of Mediation and Arbitration. ...	1	
" " Bureau of Statistics of Labor.....	2	
" " Chamber of Commerce.....	1	
" " Civil Service Commission.....	1	
" " Commissioners of the State Reservation		
at Niagara.....		2
" " Forest Commission.....	1	
" " Military Order of the Loyal Legion of		
the U. S., Commandery of the State		
of New York.....	1	
" " New York State Pharmaceutical Assoc'n.	1	
" " Secretary of State.....	20	
" " State Library.....		2
New York, (City of) Board of Education.....	4	
" " Common Council.....	5	
" " Fire Department.....	1	
" " Health Department.....	3	
" " Meteorological Observatory.....		9
New York Actor's Fund of America.....		1
" American Geographical Society.....		7
" " Home Missionary Society.....		1
" " Numismatic and Archaeological Society		
of New York.....		1
" " Society for Prev. of Cruelty to Animals.		1
" Apprentices' Library.....		1
" Astor Library.....	1	2
" Babcock & Wilcox Co.....	1	
" Charity Organization Society.....	1	
" College of the City of New York.....		1
" Colored Home and Hospital... ..		1
" Columbia College Library.....		1
" Cooper Union.....		1
" Deutsche Gesellschaft der Stadt New York.....		1
" General Society of Mechanics and Tradesmen of the		
City of New York.....		1

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	VOLS.	PAM.
New York Hospital Book and Newspaper Society.....		1
" Manhattan Railway Company.....		1
" National Democratic Committee.....1 package of Leaflets.....	2	
" New York Academy of Sciences.....		4
" " Dispensary.....		1
" " Free Circulating Library.....		1
" " Hospital and Bloomingdale Asylum.....		1
" " Institution for the Blind.....		2
" " Medical College and Hospital for Women.....		1
" " Post Graduate Medical School and Hos- pital.....		1
" " Produce Exchange.....	1	
" " Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children.....		1
" Ohio Society of New York.....		1
" Seawanhaka Corinthian Yacht Club of New York..	1	
" Seventh Regiment Gazette Association.....	1	
" Sheltering Arms.....		1
" Society for the Reformation of Juvenile Delinquents.		1
" Typothetæ of New York.....		1
" Woman's Medical College of the N. Y. Infirmary..		1
" Working Women's Protective Union.....		1
" Young Men's Christian Association.....		1
" " " " " International Committee.....		1
Newport, R. I., Redwood Library and Athenæum.....		1
Newton, Mass., Newton Free Library.....		2
North Carolina, Young Men's Christian Assoc'n of N. Carolina.		2
Oberlin, Ohio, Oberlin College Library.....		1
Ohio, (State of) Bureau of Statistics of Labor.....	1	
Peabody, Mass., Peabody Institute.....		1
Philadelphia, Pa., Academy of Natural Science.....		1
" Alumni Association, Philadelphia College of Pharmacy.....		1
" Apprentice's Library Company.....		1
" Indian Rights Association.....		10
" Library Company of Philadelphia.....		3
" Mercantile Library.....		4
" Philadelphia Learned Societies.....	1	
" " Social Science Association...		5
" " Times.....		1
" State Penitentiary for the Eastern District of Penn.....		2
" University of Pennsylvania.....	1	
" Woman's Medical College of Penn.....		1
Phillips, Henry, Jr., Philadelphia, Pa.....		1
Potter, George E., M. D., Johnstown, Pa.....		1
Poughkeepsie, (City of) Board of Education.....		1
Prince, Hon. F. O., Boston, Mass.....	1	
Providence, R. I., Providence Athenæum.....		2
" Public Library.....		1
" Rhode Island Historical Society.....		2

	VOLS.	PAM.
Roberts, Milton Josiah, M.D.		1
Rochester, N. Y., University of Rochester.		1
Rockwell, A. D., A. M., M.D.	1	
Roosa, D. B. St. John, M.D., LL.D.		1
St. Louis, Mo., St. Louis Public Library.		11
St. Paul, Minn., Minnesota Historical Society.		1
Salem, Mass., Essex Institute.		3
San Francisco, Cal., Free Public Library.		1
" " Mechanics' Institute.	1	
" " Mercantile Library Association.		1
" " Odd Fellows' Library Association.		1
" " Pacific Bank.	1	
Santa Clara, Cal., Santa Clara College.		1
Shannon, R. C.	1	
Simmons, J. Edward, LL.D.		1
Sladen, Douglas B. W., Richmond, Eng.	4	
Smith, Charles Sprague, A. M., Professor.		1
Smith, John C., Brooklyn, N. Y.	1	
Springfield, Mass., City Library Association.		1
Stanton, Mrs. A. Palmer.	1	
Stratford-on-Avon, Eng., Shakespeare Memorial Library.		1
Sumner, Charles A., San Francisco, Cal.		1
Swann, John.	1	
Swift, Morrison I., Ashtabula, Ohio.		1
Taunton, Mass., Public Library.		3
Thiry, J. H., Long Island city.		2
Thwing, Edward P., Rev., M.D., Ph. D., Brooklyn, N. Y.	1	
Toledo, O., Public Library.		1
Topeka, Kansas, Free Public Library.		4
Townsend, John P.		1
Tracy, J. Perkins.	1	
Trenwith, W. H.		7
Tucker, Willis G., M.D., Ph. D., Albany, N. Y.		2
Union, N. J., Library Association.		1
United States, Department of Agriculture, Division of Entomology.		9
" " State. 1 atlas.	8	13
" " the Interior.	54	18
" " " Bureau of Education.	1	4
" " " Labor.	1	
" " " Geological Survey.		1
" " " Interstate Commerce Commission.	1	
" " " Patent Office.	33	
" " " Pension Office, 1 map.		4
" " " Superintendent of Documents.		1
" Department of the Navy, Bureau of Navigation.		3
" " Hydrographic.		
" " Office, Branch N. Y.	1	
" Department of the Treasury.	1	
" " Bureau of Navigation.	1	
" " " Statistics.		11

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	VOLS.	PAM.
United States, Department of the Treas'y, Bureau of the Mint.	2	
" " " Coast and Geodetic		
Survey.....	1	9
" " " Comptroller of the		
Currency.....	2	
" " " Life Saving Service...	1	
Department of War, Chief of Engineers.....	4	
" " " " Ordnance.....	2	
" " " Chief Signal Office. 1 lot		
of weather maps.....	11	1
" " " Surgeon-General.....	2	1
United States Civil Service Commission.....	1	
Unknown Friend.....	1	
Vogelsang, Alexander, Brooklyn, N. Y.....		1
Washington, D. C., Smithsonian Institution.....	5	3
West, Charles N., M.A., Savannah, Ga		1
Willis, A. E., Professor.....	1	
Wilmington, Del., Wilmington Institute.....		1
Wilson, William B., Holmesburg, Philadelphia, Pa.....		2

[APPENDIX X.]

HONORARY MEMBERS

OF THE

Mercantile Library Association.

MAY 1, 1889.

Benjamin G. Arnold
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Hon. Geo. Bancroft, LL.D.
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Isaac Bell
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Hugh N. Camp
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Prof. R. Ogden Doremus
Alexander F. Duncan
Charles Edwards
Benjamin H. Field
Hon. Hamilton Fish
Wm. H. Furniss, D. D.
Parke Godwin
John H. Gourlie
S. Hastings Grant
Wm. H. Guion
Hon. A. Oakey Hall
William Harris, D. D.
John Home, Jr.
Wilson G. Hunt

John B. Hurd
John D. Jones
Richard Lathers
Rev. Harmon Loomis, D. D.
Allan McLane
Benj. F. Manierre
Manton Marble
Samuel March
Hon. F. E. Mather
Nathaniel F. Moore, LL. D.
Edmund Moorewood
J. Seaver Page
S. H. Pennington, M. D.
George L. Prentiss, D. D.
William C. Prime
Rossiter W. Raymond
Wm. Remsen
Jackson S. Schultz
Benj. D. Silliman
Jonathan D. Steele
Hon. Thos. E. Stewart
F. W. Steinbrenner
Henry A. Stone
Francis Thompson
Silas Totten, D. D.
Richard I. Tucker
G. B. Vroom
Alex. S. Webb
Hon. Wm. H. Wickham

[APPENDIX XI.]

NEW YORK, May 3, 1889.

To the Board of Directors of the Mercantile Library Association.

Pursuant to the Articles creating the Permanent Catalogue Fund I respectfully submit the following report of the moneys in my hands at the present date belonging to said Fund.

Amount on hand as per last report in Savings Bank.....	\$2,904 99
In U. S. 4½% Bond, \$100.....	
Interest accrued to January, 1889.....	102 52
Loan to Library returned April 27, 1889.....	1,000 00
U. S. Bond, \$100.....	
	<hr/> \$4,007 51
Paid to Library interest accrued from January, 1887, to January, 1889. (April 27, 1889).....	208 25
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Amount on hand in Savings Banks.....	3,799 26
U. S. 4½% Bond, \$100.....	

A. W. SHERMAN,
Treasurer,

[APPENDIX XII.]

OFFICERS AND MEMBERS
OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTION
AND

Officers of the Association for 1889-90.

President,
T. S. RUMNEY.

Vice-President,
A. H. TIMPSON.

Treasurer,
W. D. SEARLS.

Secretary,
A. WETMORE, JR.

Directors,

CHAS. H. PATRICK,	JAMES MAGEE,
CHAS. WAGER HULL,	JOHN BYERS,
ALEX. M. EAGLESON,	J. L. GRAHAM,
F. A. SANDLAND,	M. E. TOWNSEND,

[APPENDIX XIII.]

TRUSTEES OF THE PERMANENT CATALOGUE FUND.

T. S. RUMNEY,

President Mercantile Library Association, ex-officio.

A. WETMORE, JR.,

Secretary Mercantile Library Association, ex-officio.

ISAAC H. BAILEY,

President of the Clinton Hall Association, ex-officio.

DAN'L F. APPLETON,

ARTHUR W. SHERMAN,

From the Members at Large.

TRUSTEES OF THE CLINTON HALL ASSOCIATION.

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Secretary.

M. C. D. BORDEN,

Treasurer.

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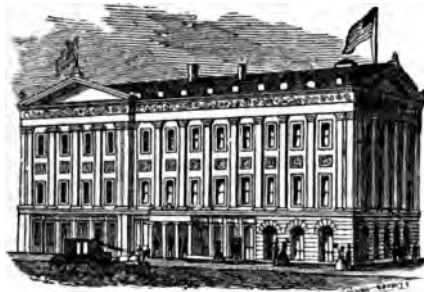
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PRESIDENTS OF THE ASSOCIATION

FROM ITS ORGANIZATION.

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|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1820-23—LUCIUS BULL. | 1861-62—CHARLES F. ALLEN. |
| 1823-24—CORNELIUS SAVAGE. | 1862-63—CHARLES OSGOOD. |
| 1824-26—BENJAMIN I. SEWARD. | 1863-64—CHARLES H. SWORDS. |
| 1827-31—R. B. BROWN. | 1864-65—THEODORE H. VULTEE. |
| 1832-34—JOHN W. STEBBINS. | 1865-66—ROBT. WALKER IRWIN. |
| 1834-35—R. R. BOYD. | 1866-67—AARON C. ALLEN. |
| 1836-37—CHARLES ROLFE. | 1867-68—ALEXANDER RHIND. |
| 1838.....EDMUND COFFIN. | 1868-69—CHARLES F. ALLEN. |
| 1839.....JOHN S. WINTHROP. | 1869-70—M. C. D. BORDEN. |
| 1839.....ELIJAH WARD. | 1870.....M. C. D. BORDEN. |
| 1840.....AUGUSTUS E. SILLIMAN. | 1871.....CHARLES F. ALLEN. |
| 1841.....HECTOR MORISON. | 1871-72—ARTHUR W. SHERMAN. |
| 1842.....JOHN T. ROLLINS. | 1872.....CHARLES H. WILSON. |
| 1843.....LEWIS McMULLEN. | 1872-73—PETER VOORHIS. |
| 1843.....RICHARD BURLEW. | 1873-74—CHAS. S. ARTHUR. |
| 1844-45—CHARLES E. MILNOR. | 1874-75—SAM'L PUTNAM. |
| 1846-47—CORNELIUS L. EVERITT. | 1875-76—CHAS. C. HOUGH. |
| 1848.....THOMAS W. GROSER. | 1876-77—WM. H. GUION, JR. |
| 1849.....ISAAC H. BAILEY. | 1877-78—WM. H. GUION, JR. |
| 1850.....THOMAS J. BAYAUD. | 1878-79—SEYMOUR A. BUNCE. |
| 1851.....HENRY A. OAKLEY. | 1879-80—W. D. SEARLS. |
| 1852.....GEORGE PECKHAM. | 1880-81—CHARLES H. PATRICK. |
| 1853.....WILLIARD L. FELT. | 1881-82—CHARLES H. PATRICK. |
| 1854.....DANIEL F. APPLETON. | 1882-83—A. WETMORE, JR. |
| 1855.....D. REYNOLDS BUDD. | 1883-84—ALEX. M. EAGLESON. |
| 1855-56—GEORGE C. WOOD. | 1884-85—A. H. TIMPSON. |
| 1856-57—JOHN CRERAR. | 1885-86—JAMES MAGEE. |
| 1857-58—ROWLAND H. TIMPSON. | 1886-87—JOHN BYERS. |
| 1857-58—ALEXANDER P. FISKE. | 1887-88—J. L. GRAHAM. |
| 1858-59—E. BOUDINOT SERVOS. | 1888-89—F. A. SANDLAND. |
| 1859-60—RICHARD A. BACHIA. | 1889-90—T. S. RUMNEY. |
| 1860-61—CHAS. E. KING SHERMAN. | |

OFFICERS AND MEMBERS
OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

AND

Officers of the Association for 1889-90.

President,

T. S. RUMNEY.

Vice-President,

A. H. TIMPSON.

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Sixty-ninth Annual Report.

Members of the Association :

The absence on account of illness of the President of the Association, Mr. T. S. Rumney, makes it incumbent upon me to present for your consideration this evening the transactions of the Library for the past twelve months.

As will be observed our place of meeting is new, and the surroundings strange, rendered so by our removal from the old Clinton Hall on Astor Place where our meetings have been held since the year 1854, a period of thirty-six years.

MEMBERSHIP.

The total number of members on April 30th, 1889, was	3,456
Active members added during the year.....	164
Subscribing members added during the year.....	1,053
	1,217
Active members' accounts closed.....	287
Subscribing members' accounts closed.....	1,088
	1,298
A decrease for the year of.....	81
	3,375
Number of active members April 30th, 1890.....	1,121
" " subscribing " " " "	2,254
" " honorary " " " "	58
" " editors using Library.....	30
Members of Clinton Hall Association.....	1,701
Total number of persons entitled to use the Library	
April 30th, 1890.....	5,164

CIRCULATION.

Total number of books issued during the year was 149,003, a decrease of 9,680 volumes as compared with the circulation of the previous year. This can be accounted for in part from the fact that the Library was closed on account of removal from the 7th of April until the 1st of May.

ANNUAL REPORT.

The circulation was divided as follows :

From the Library, Astor Place.....	72,273 volumes.
“ “ Fifth Avenue Branch.....	51,607 “
“ “ Down town “.....	23,233 “
Delivered at members' residences.....	1,890 “
Total circulation.....	149,003 “

The following is the circulation by months :

May.....	12,634 volumes.
June.....	12,373 “
July.....	10,267 “
August.....	7,624 “
September.....	8,991 “
October.....	12,099 “
November.....	14,143 “
December.....	14,329 “
January.....	16,416 “
February.....	14,238 “
March.....	16,094 “
April.....	9,795 “
	149,003 “

The following is the classification of the books circulated :

Theology.....	2,334 volumes,	1.57 %
Mental and moral science.....	2,063 “	1.38 %
Political science.....	3,561 “	2.38 %
Literature.....	20,982 “	14.08 %
History, geography and travels.....	15,600 “	10.47 %
Biography.....	8,067 “	5.41 %
Mathematics.....	164 “	.11 %
Natural science.....	1,833 “	1.23 %
Medical science.....	716 “	.48 %
Arts.....	3,140 “	2.11 %
Fiction, English.....	78,399 “	52.62 %
“ French.....	8,531 “	5.72 %
“ German.....	3,546 “	2.38 %
“ other foreign.....	67 “	.04 %
	149,003	100 %

The average monthly circulation was 12,417 volumes.

The largest issue was in the month of January and the smallest in August.

The average daily circulation (283 days issue) was 526½ volumes.

The largest number of books circulated in a single day was 1,290 volumes on April 5th, and the smallest 177 volumes on August 24th.

The number of notices sent to members to return books retained over time was 5,320.

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BOOKS.

The total number of volumes in the Library as per the last annual report was 223,544.

The number of volumes added during the year just closed was 6,763.

6,120 volumes were acquired by purchase and 643 volumes were donated.

The duplicate books sold numbered 447 volumes. 92 volumes of duplicate public documents of the National Government were returned to the Interior department at Washington.

The imperfect books and those condemned by reason of being soiled numbered 556 volumes, making a total to be deducted of 1,095 volumes which makes our net increase for the year 5,668 volumes.

The total number of volumes in the Library on the 30th of April, 1890, was 229,212.

FINANCES.

The total income of the Library for the year from all sources was \$28,757.03.

The total expenditures amounted to \$26,651.02. For books, periodicals and binding \$4,546.56 were expended, which, added to the sum of \$4,941.56 spent by the Clinton Hall Association, makes the total expenditure for books, etc., \$9,488.12.

BRANCH LIBRARY, 426 Fifth Avenue.

The number of books circulated from this branch during the year was 51,607 volumes, an increase over the previous year of 359 volumes.

The classification of the books circulated is as follows :

Theology.....	372	volumes.
Mental and moral science.....	428	"
Political science.....	791	"
Literature.....	3,820	"
History, geography and travels.....	3,603	"
Biography.....	2,642	"
Mathematics.....	24	"
Natural science.....	353	"
Medical science.....	114	"
Arts.....	382	"
Fiction—English.....	35,035	"
" French.....	2,841	"
" German.....	1,197	"
" other foreign.....	5	"
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	51,607	"

The circulation by months was :

May.....	4,837	volumes.
June.....	4,707	"
July.....	2,982	"
August.....	1,076	"
September.....	2,226	"
October.....	4,060	"
November.....	4,859	"
December.....	4,877	"
January.....	5,885	"
February.....	5,128	"
March.....	5,721	"
April.....	5,269	"
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	51,607	

The average monthly circulation was $4,300\frac{1}{2}$ volumes. The average daily circulation was $174\frac{2}{3}$.

The largest number of books issued in one day was on February 15th, 336 volumes. The smallest was on August 10th, 38 volumes. From August 19th until September 1st the rooms were closed.

The number of volumes added to this branch during the year was 1,724, making the total number of books permanently kept there 19,384 volumes.

On April 30th, the number of persons using this branch was 1,500.

Members and subscribers.....	1,192
Clinton Hall stockholders.....	308
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	1,500

DOWN-TOWN BRANCH, 33 Liberty Street.

The total circulation of this branch for the year was 23,233, classified as follows :

Theology.....	295	volumes.
Mental and moral science.....	425	"
Political science.....	685	"
Literature.....	2,095	"
History, geography, and travels.....	1,598	"
Biography.....	916	"
Mathematics.....	23	"
Natural science.....	137	"
Medical science.....	115	"
Arts.....	172	"
Fiction, English.....	15,439	"
" French.....	1,129	"
" German.....	203	"
" Other foreign.....	1	"
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	23,233	

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READING ROOM STATISTICS.

	Attendance.
May.....	2,281
June.....	1,642
July.....	1,590
August.....	1,577
September.....	1,758
October.....	2,193
November.....	2,386
December.....	2,446
January.....	2,499
February.....	2,351
March.....	2,423
April.....	1,150
Total.....	24,296
Monthly average.....	2,024
Daily average (298 days).....	81 $\frac{1}{2}$

CATALOGUES AND READER'S AIDS.

Bulletin No. 12, containing the accessions to the Library from November, 1888, to November, 1889, was issued in the month of December.

Accession lists of the books added to the Library, Nos. 173-209 of the books in the English language, and Nos. 42-52 of the foreign books, in all 5,000 copies, were issued and given to the readers free of charge.

The following additions have been made to our card catalogues :

To the Public catalogue	Astor Place	6,522	cards,	21	guides.
" " Official	" " "	6,123	"	21	"
" " Fifth Avenue branch catalogue	" " "	1,901	"	37	"
" " Down-town	" " "	512	"		"
Total.....		15,058	cards,	79	guides.

BOARD OF DIRECTION.

By reason of business engagements which prevented him attending to the calls made upon him as a member of your Board, Mr. M. E. Townsend resigned his position as a director on the 11th of March last. This vacancy as yet has not been filled. We regret to say that we have been deprived of the services of the President of the Association for the greater part of the year. Mr. Rumney was taken ill in August last and was eventually compelled to resort to the mild climate of California for restoration.

We are pleased to state that late advices assure us we may expect to have him among us again with his health and vigor fully restored.

REMOVAL.

The announcement was made at the last annual meeting that the Trustees of the Clinton Hall Association would in the month of May, 1890, begin the erection of a new library building on the old site in Astor Place.

This action necessitated the removal of the Library to temporary quarters until the completion of the new building.

In considering this question many perplexing problems confronted us.

Was it possible to obtain a place large enough to contain all of our collection which would at the same time permit us to conduct our business in all departments.

If this could not be done, what department of the Library should be discontinued.

Our aim and desire was to obtain a place where our books could be stored on as few floors as possible and thereby lessen the labor and expense in the distribution.

After the inspection of many buildings and thoroughly considering the question in all details, the premises we now occupy were selected as offering more advantages as a whole than any others we had seen.

It was thought that by discontinuing the reference department, packing and storing the bound volumes of newspapers and the bulk of the bound volumes of magazines we could handle our books in the circulating department and at the same time keep our reading room open with but little inconvenience.

This was decided upon and the building was leased by the Clinton Hall Association for a period of 14 months, from March 1st, 1890, at an annual rent of \$7,500.

Upon obtaining possession, preparations were at once begun to get the building ready, and prepare for moving.

On the 1st of March the following notice was issued to the members.

MERCANTILE LIBRARY.

ASTOR PLACE, N. Y., March, 1890.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

While the new building is being erected on the present site, the Library will be located in the five-story building, No. 67 Fifth Avenue, one door below 14th Street.

In order to remove and arrange the large collection of books, it will be necessary to close the Library for business from the 7th day of April next until the 1st of May.

Members will be permitted, without extra charge, to draw three books to be retained during the period the Library is closed.

The branches at 426 Fifth Avenue and 33 Liberty St., will be kept open, but no deliveries can be made from the main library.

The reading room will be closed only during the last week of April.

Space will not permit us here to recount the many hardships and the great labor involved in the removal of over 200,000 books and the accumulations of 70 years and arranging the same in the new quarters.

Suffice it to say that the work has been accomplished, and, we think, in a remarkably short time, when we consider the great amount of work that had to be done.

In 1854 when the removal was made to Astor Place from the old Clinton Hall, then situated on the corner of Beekman and Nassau Sts., the Library possessed 40,000 volumes.

At that time the Library was closed in all departments from the 19th day of April until the 8th of June, a period of almost two months.

In 1890, with a collection over five times greater, the work is performed in twenty-one days, and our readers were deprived of the use of the reading room for ten days only.

It is possible, with the Library as arranged in our temporary quarters, there may be some disappointment on the part of some of our members.

If such be the case we ask for a little indulgence and forbearance.

If in some details the arrangements are not just to your liking, we beg to remind you that we are working under disadvantages and that it is not possible to do in all cases as we should wish.

Full and detailed accounts of our new building having so recently appeared in the daily newspapers of the City, we deem it superfluous to attempt any further description here.

It is our hope, as it has been our aim, to have in the new building, library rooms modern and complete in all details.

We trust our expectations may be fully realized.

On behalf of the Board of Direction.

A. H. TIMPSON, Vice-President.

New York, May 13th, 1890.

69th ANNUAL MEETING.

The 69th annual meeting of the Mercantile Library Association was held at No. 67 Fifth Avenue, on Tuesday evening, May 13th, 1890.

The meeting was called to order at eight o'clock by the Vice-President of the Association, Mr. A. H. Timpson, who occupied the chair.

The minutes of the 68th annual meeting were read, and, on motion, approved.

The Secretary read the reports of the President and Treasurer of the Clinton Hall Association, which were received and ordered to be printed with the annual report.

The report of W. D. Searls, the Treasurer of the Mercantile Library Association, was read, and, on motion, approved.

The President being absent the 69th annual report of the Association was read by the Secretary, Mr. A. Wetmore, Jr., which, on motion, was adopted and the usual number of copies ordered to be printed for distribution among the members.

On motion, the meeting adjourned.

A. WETMORE, Jr.,
Secretary.

APPENDIXES TO ANNUAL REPORT.

[APPENDIX L]

TREASURER'S REPORT

OF THE

MERCANTILE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION,

For the Year ending April 30th, 1890.

RECEIPTS.

Balance April 30, 1889.....	\$2,092 03
Initiation Fees.....	1,217 00
Semi-Annual Dues.....	13,080 00
Duplicate Accounts.....	655 50
Amount received for extra books and fines.....	3,144 62
Catalogues.....	47 90
Duplicate books.....	212 10
Interest.....	1,025 00
Book delivery.....	253 85
Old paper.....	45 49
Rent (Fifth Ave. branch).....	2,000 00
Clinton Hall.....	4,854 55
Permanent catalogue fund interest.....	128 99
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	\$28,757 03

EXPENDITURES.

Books.....	\$1,584 66
Periodicals.....	1,721 84
Binding.....	1,240 06
Light.....	435 90
Salaries.....	7,945 94
Incidentals.....	543 81
Liberty Street branch.....	2,327 40
Fifth Avenue branch.....	7,413 84
Stationary and printing.....	595 76
Catalogue.....	840 00
Book Delivery.....	301 10
Postage.....	119 22
Fixtures.....	60 46
Advertising.....	187 55
Moving expenses.....	885 35
Insurance.....	448 13
Balance Lincoln National Bank.....	2,106 01
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	\$28,757 03

[APPENDIX II.]

Clinton Hall Association.

NEW YORK, May 13, 1890.

To the President and Directors of the Mercantile Library Association.

GENTLEMEN: Herewith I send you copy of the report of M. C. D. Borden, Treasurer of Clinton Hall Association. The work of demolition in Astor Place has begun, and the Trustees hope that by the time of the next Annual Meeting of your Association, a building will be completed which will be so convenient and attractive that large numbers of the merchants' clerks of New York will find pleasure and profit within its walls.

Very respectfully,

ISAAC H. BAILEY,

President.

ANNUAL REPORT

—OF—

M. C. D. BORDEN,

Treasurer Clinton Hall Association,

May, 1890.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand May 14, 1889.....	\$ 3,273 16
Rents collected, net.....	11,831 34
Interest.....	3,255 00
From sale of old shelving, &c.....	204 70
" rebate of insurance.....	3 69
" Bond and Mortgage, principal and interest.....	117,780 00
	<u>\$136,347 89</u>

EXPENDITURES.

Books.....	\$4,941 56
Binding.....	667 55
Coal.....	253 25
Janitor.....	399 06
Taxes.....	487 50
Repairs.....	426 20
Safe Deposit Co.....	22 00

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MERCANTILE LIBRARY.

Rent Liberty Street Branch.....	\$ 425 00
“ Fifth Avenue “.....	2,200 00
“ “ “ No. 67.....	1,250 00
Cleaning, lighting, &c.....	125 00
Clerical services.....	600 00
Moving expenses.....	797 00
Printing Annual Report.....	40 00
	<u>\$12,635 02</u>
Cash in Bank.....	3,712 87
Certificate of Deposit Manhattan Bank.....	120,000 00
	<u><u>\$136,347 89</u></u>

Of which is set apart as

CONTINGENT FUND.

Cash in Bank.....	\$ 3,000 00
“ “ Trust Co.....	100,000 00
Certificate of Deposit Manhattan Co. Bank.....	120,000 00
Accrued interest not collected.....	3,500 00
	<u><u>\$226,500 00</u></u>

INSURANCE.

On Building.....	\$72,000 00
“ Books.....	66,000 00
“ Furniture.....	12,150 00
	<u><u>\$150,150 00</u></u>

BOOKS ADDED DURING THE YEAR, 3,214 VOLUMES.

CLASSIFIED AS FOLLOWS:

On Theology.....	117
“ Mental and Moral Science.....	46
“ Political Science.....	143
“ Literature.....	280
“ History, Geography, and Travels.....	311
“ Biography.....	254
“ Mathematics.....	1
“ Natural Science.....	73
“ Medical Science.....	26
“ Art.....	82
“ Fiction.....	1,881
	<u>3,214</u>
Previous purchases.....	61,222
Total number of volumes added by Clinton Hall.....	<u><u>64,436</u></u>

M. C. D. BORDEN,

NEW YORK, May 13, 1890.

Treasurer.

[APPENDIX III.]

ANNUAL ADDITIONS OF MEMBERS AND BOOKS.
 expenditures for Books, Total Receipts, etc., from the 9th of November,
 1820, to the 1st of May, 1890.

YEARS.	No. of mem- bers who have joined the Library.	No. of Vols. acquired by purchase & donation.	Amount Ex- pended for Books and Periodicals.	Amount Ex- pended for Binding.	Donations received.	Total Receipts.
1820-21	204	1,000	\$800 00		\$800 00	\$800 00
1822	76	250	273 00		150 00	510 00
1823	81	100	150 00		250 00	726 69
1824	77	175	208 00			712 23
1825	257	675	619 00	\$78 00	795 00	1,469 00
1826	471	1,000	756 72	190 28	785 75	2,246 42
1827	360	1,200	695 12	31 38		1,750 52
1828	295	1,000	330 27	146 25		1,572 47
1829	414	600	562 30	154 28		1,701 81
1830	486	600	567 91	99 25		1,755 82
1831	507	750	1,177 19	68 48		2,860 71
1832	383	864	1,107 36	197 55		3,033 58
1833	382	1,379	1,303 98	224 20		2,978 98
1834	393	1,090	1,278 20	223 29		2,977 69
1835	680	1,522	2,126 32	238 51		4,333 18
1836	867	1,845	2,286 74	250 70		5,110 80
1837	936	2,547	2,806 47	186 04		6,109 20
1838	1,003	2,471	3,115 72	423 91		7,477 99
1839	1,097	3,583	4,278 23	729 60		8,082 15
1840	501	390	1,995 19	615 42		7,071 17
1841	627	1,139	1,495 12	691 75		6,835 30
1842	308	1,252	2,179 79	670 77		5,667 70
1843	252	465	797 80	636 85		4,355 86
1844	387	745	708 35	271 25		3,959 20
1845	582	1,428	1,628 60	402 65		4,082 04
1846	609	1,683	2,072 59	500 34		5,044 61
1847	687	2,258	3,311 95	549 19		5,902 90
1848	681	2,276	3,392 71	445 52		6,286 21
1849	1,013	2,517	3,631 83	600 35		7,307 06
1850	1,116	1,865	2,608 63	286 72	3,000 00	10,691 95
1851	1,041	2,957	4,050 01	560 84		8,290 00
1852	1,293	4,346	4,786 35	889 67		9,931 72
1853	991	2,900	3,916 54	418 96		8,929 82
1854	1,216	2,400	3,019 07	381 26		9,691 95
1855-56	1,783	3,586	4,477 42	1,475 44		14,223 95
1856-57	1,088	1,621	1,384 21	661 10		10,483 95
1857-58	877	824	1,615 93	581 77		9,182 50
1858-59	969	3,040	3,537 80	521 53		9,509 69
1859-60	1,080	3,183	3,259 52	342 87	10,000 50	20,615 86
1860-61	1,109	2,827	3,141 37	318 62	50 00	11,349 19
1861-62	792	1,322	2,663 41	135 72	400 00	10,376 47
1862-63	803	4,581	3,358 70	817 03		12,711 21
1863-64	1,564	6,047	7,412 80	318 23		17,639 94
1864-65	2,830	7,408	10,420 81	586 60	4,000 00	29,146 51
1865-66	3,332	9,023	11,639 18	582 90	2,000 00	41,761 01
1866-67	2,825	10,090	12,479 11	1,000 45		40,380 26
1867-68	2,689	9,351	11,075 29	660 24	5,000 00	41,722 50
1868-69	2,434	12,024	13,092 98	593 75		38,014 52
1869-70	3,129	13,000	11,894 97	1,577 75		40,468 00
1870-71	2,379	12,210	10,831 01	1,414 70		42,258 51
1871-72	2,511	10,914	10,491 88	2,039 58		44,678 81
1872-73	2,004	6,919	6,631 26	2,298 85		36,869 46
1873-74	1,860	6,455	10,174 08	951 37	1,500 00	36,380 67
1874-75	1,850	9,062	10,387 00	591 50		34,657 58
1875-76	1,694	10,618	11,326 44	1,116 05	1,000 00	34,907 02
1876-77	1,584	10,198	10,307 24	1,189 24		35,094 76
1877-78	1,306	8,331	7,420 71	1,148 89	5,000 00	34,799 02
1878-79	1,254	7,027	6,949 38	739 84		27,387 53
1879-80	1,481	6,439	5,633 74	750 66		26,356 52
1880-81	1,195	4,446	4,951 56	736 91		23,582 96
1881-82	1,030	4,837	4,001 51	1,647 83		21,096 65
1882-83	976	5,220	3,578 99	1,426 12		22,022 52
1883-84	1,347	5,853	4,751 93	1,230 15		26,681 06
1884-85	1,253	6,920	4,452 23	1,507 14		27,306 51
1885-86	1,482	7,349	5,292 33	1,564 84		24,021 19
1886-87	1,453	6,318	4,125 69	1,206 23		26,827 12
1887-88	1,408	6,793	9,107 52	1,224 44		29,586 81
1888-89	1,210	7,315	9,319 27	1,280 71		30,349 39
1889-90	1,217	6,763	8,248 06	1,240 06		32,767 08
	78,066	288,288	\$318,172 39	\$46,326 87	\$34,580 75	\$1,129,300 48

[APPENDIX IV.]
CIRCULATION.

The following Table shows the number of books delivered annually from the 30th of April, 1859, to the 30th of April, 1890. Prior to the former date there is no accurate record of the circulation of the Library.

YEAR.	Total Issue.	Delivered at Main Library.	Delivered at Down Town Office.	Delivered at Other Branch Offices.	Delivered at Residences.	No. of Volumes mature delivered.	No. of Volumes Fiction delivered.	No. of Volumes in Foreign Languages delivered.	Daily Average. The figures in this col. prior to those for '67 are approximate only.	Largest Circulation in one day.	Date of last column.
1859-60	64,263	46,007	18,166						228		
1860-61	79,773	64,218	15,555						277		
1861-62	96,575	76,827	19,748						322		
1862-63	86,373	70,624	14,649						297		
1863-64	102,049	85,092	16,957						355		
1864-65	189,609	156,437	33,172						661		
1865-66	178,218	154,962	23,256						696		
1866-67	206,120	169,219	36,901						718		
1867-68	203,894	161,588	42,306						710		
1868-69	210,066	166,558	43,508						742		
1869-70	234,120	175,110	59,010						760		
1870-71	269,034	184,780	84,254						879		Aug. 10.
1871-72	250,845	164,253	86,592						1,073		Feb. 27.
1872-73	239,533	163,606	75,978						1,346		Feb. 19.
1873-74	204,632	154,265	50,367						1,532		Mar. 18.
1874-75	203,145	154,368	48,776						1,727		Jan. 20.
1875-76	190,839	139,937	50,902						1,772		Jan. 25.
1876-77	188,851	137,327	51,497						1,647		Jan. 30.
1877-78	177,936	129,093	48,841						1,467		Mar. 18.
1878-79	158,799	126,308	32,491						1,463		Mar. 3.
1879-80	143,251	107,414	35,837						1,506		Mar. 8.
1880-81	156,671	117,145	39,526						2,052		Aug. 11.
1881-82	120,345	84,330	36,015						518		95-100
1882-83	112,375	83,131	29,244						468		Mar. 1.
1883-84	126,089	79,066	47,023						861		Mar. 6.
1884-85	133,502	78,362	55,140						1,036		Jan. 15.
1885-86	143,106	78,362	64,744						512		Jan. 15.
1886-87	149,365	79,093	70,272						411		June 21.
1887-88	161,314	76,052	85,262						368		Feb. 24.
1888-89	158,683	82,132	76,551						873		Mar. 15.
1889-90	149,003	72,273	76,730						931		Feb. 28.
									1,008		Jan. 23.
									488		Mar. 19.
									934		Mar. 24.
									1,004		Feb. 28.
									590		Mar. 24.
									526 1/2		April 5.

[APPENDIX V.]

Book Account.

Number of volumes April 30th, 1889.....	223,544
" " added this year by purchase.....	6,120
" " " " " by donation.....	643
	<u>6,763</u>
English Books added.....	6,150
French " ".....	375
German " ".....	234
Other Foreign Books added.....	4
	<u>6,763</u>
Folio and Quarto.....	546
Octavo.....	1,539
Duodecimo, etc.....	4,678
	<u>6,763</u>
On Theology.....	177
" Mental and Moral Science.....	97
" Political Science.....	340
" Natural Science.....	165
" Literature.....	959
" History, Geography, and Travels.....	830
" Biography.....	401
" Mathematics.....	1
" Medicine.....	57
" Arts.....	205
" English Fiction.....	3,181
" French ".....	224
" German ".....	126
	<u>6,763</u>
Less Surplus and Imperfect Books sold.....	1,095
	<u>5,668</u>
Total Number of Volumes April 30th, 1890.....	229,212
Books added by Clinton Hall Association.....	3,214 vols.
Pamphlets added.....	1,582
Periodicals bound.....	472 vols.
Pamphlets ".....	13 "
No. of Volumes at the Up-town Branch April 30, 1889.....	17,660 "
Added this year.....	1,724 "
	<u>19,384</u> "
Total Number April 30, 1890.....	<u>19,384</u> "

APPENDIX VI.

. BINDING .

	NEW BOOKS.					OLD BOOKS.					GRAND TOTAL.
	Half Morocco.	Duck.	Half Roan.	Cloth.	TOTAL.	Duck.	Half Morocco.	Cloth.	Re-cased.	TOTAL.	
1899—May.....	—	47	—	169	216	10	—	119	21	150	366
June.....	3	58	1	197	259	5	—	87	37	129	388
July.....	1	73	—	187	261	9	—	76	30	115	376
August.....	1	65	1	207	274	17	—	37	19	73	347
September..	—	43	—	102	145	12	—	68	31	111	266
October.....	—	48	1	128	177	12	—	110	32	154	331
November..	—	18	—	129	147	9	—	67	20	96	243
December...	1	48	—	131	180	1	—	70	27	98	278
1900—January.....	—	107	5	185	297	10	—	74	17	101	398
February....	—	28	—	147	175	4	—	54	15	73	248
March.....	—	14	1	150	165	3	—	46	8	57	222
April.....	—	—	—	40	40	—	—	19	6	25	65
Total.....	6	549	9	1,772	2,336	92	—	827	263	1,182	3,518

[APPENDIX VII.]

EXECUTIVE FORCE.

Librarian,

WM. T. PEOPLES.

Assistant Librarian,

T. J. TITUS.

Catalogue Department,

CHARLES BRUN.

Book-keeper and Cashier,

T. R. McSTRAVICK.

*Desk Clerks,*CHAS. COX, *Chief,*

CHAS. GROME,

FRANK G. MACNIERNEY.

Reading Room Attendant,

MISS LAURA BONN.

Liberty Street Branch,

JOHN J. O'BRIEN.

Fifth Avenue Branch,

LOUIS BATTRÉ,

THOS. CRINIGAN.

Messengers,

WM. COSTELLO,

FRANK McGOLDRICK.

Janitor,

JOHN CRINIGAN.

[APPENDIX VIII.]

LIST OF DONORS

TO THE

Mercantile Library Association,

For the Year ending April 30, 1890.

	VOLS.	PAM.
Abbott, Austin.....	2	
Albany, N. Y., Albany Medical College.....		1
“ “ Albany Penitentiary.....		33
“ “ Young Men's Association for Mutual Improvement.....		1
Alpha Delta Phi.....	1	
American Institute of Architects.....		2
“ Pharmaceutical Association.....	1	
Amherst, Mass., Amherst College.....		1
Andover, Mass., Andover Theological Seminary.....		36
Arnoux, William Henry.....	1	
Baltimore, Md., Enoch Pratt Free Library.....		1
“ “ Johns Hopkins University.....		14
“ “ New Mercantile Library Association.....		1
“ “ Peabody Institute.....	1	3
Banks & Bros.....	1	
Bartram, F. S.....	1	
Beach, Charles F., Jr.....		2
Belford, Clarke & Co., Chicago, Ill.....		1
Bell, Clark.....	2	
Berkeley, Cal., University of California.....	1	1
Bliss, Cornelius N., a collection of invitations, souvenirs, etc., pertaining to the Centennial celebration, and.....		2
Boston, Mass., American Statistical Association.....		5
“ “ Boston Public Library.....	1	24
“ “ “ “ Charlestown Branch.....	1	29
“ “ Massachusetts New Church Union.....	1	
“ “ Office of City Messenger.....	1	
Brace, C. L.....		1
Bradlee, Caleb D., Rev., Boston, Mass.....		22
Branner, John C., Ph.D., Little Rock, Ark.....		3
Bridgeport, Conn., Public Library.....		1
Brighton, Eng., Brighton Free Library, Museum, and Picture Gallery.....		11
Brookline, Mass., Public Library.....		4
Brooklyn, N. Y., Board of Education.....		1
“ “ Department of Health.....		17
“ “ Brooklyn Library.....		11
“ “ Civil Service Reform Association.....		1

	VOLS.	PAM.
Brunswick, Me., Bowdoin College.....	1	22
Buenos Aires, National Library.....	17	
Buffalo, N. Y., Buffalo Historical Society.....		1
" " Buffalo Library.....		15
Burlington, Vt., Fletcher Free Library.....		1
Calcutta, India, Mahomedan Literary Society of Calcutta.....		1
California, State of, State Library.....	1	
Cambridge, Mass., Harvard University.....	5	88
Chalmers, Patrick, Wimbledon, Eng.....	1	
Channing, Walter, M.D., Brookline, Mass.....		1
Chicago, Ill., Board of Trade.....	1	
" " Chicago Public Library.....	2	10
" " Newberry Library.....		1
Chittenden, L. E.....		1
Christern, F. W.....	1	
Cincinnati, O., Chamber of Commerce.....	2	
" " Public Library.....	1	7
" " Young Men's Mercantile Library Association.....		2
Cleveland, O., Public Library.....	1	4
College Hill, Mass., Tufts College.....		12
Cooke, Mrs. Harriet Ruth.....	1	
Crerar Estate, Chicago, Ill.....		1
Cutter, Bloodgood H., Little Neck, L. I.....	1	
Danvers, Mass., Peabody Institute.....		15
Davenport, Reuben Briggs.....	1	
De Peyster, J. Watts, General.....		1
Detroit, Mich., Public Library.....		2
Dolge, Alfred, Dolgeville, N. Y.....		1
Dublin, Ireland, O'Connell Monument Committee.....	1	
Elizabeth, N. J., Elizabeth Public Library and Reading Room.....		1
Ellis, George H., Boston, Mass.....	1	
Evarts, Wm. M., Hon.....	4	
Fall River, Mass., Public Library.....		6
Ferris, A. C., Hackensack, N. J.....		1
Fordham, N. Y., St. John's College.....		1
Funk & Wagnalls.....	2	
Gallison & Hobron Co.....	1	
Germantown, Philadelphia, Pa., Friends' Free Library and Reading Room.....		3
Gibson, Jos. W.....	2	
Glasgow, Scotland, Mitchell Library.....		3
Grand Rapids, Mich., Public School Library.....		2
Green, Andrew H.....		1
Hartford, Conn., Connecticut Historical Society.....	1	
" " Hartford Library Association.....		39
" " " Steamboiler Inspection and Insurance Co.....	1	
" " " Hartford Theological Seminary.....		3
" " " Trinity College.....		17
Hawley, Elias S., Buffalo, N. Y.....		1
Huebsch, Samuel.....		1
Indianapolis, Ind., Public Library.....		3
Iowa City, Iowa, State Historical Society of Iowa.....		12
Ithaca, N. Y., Cornell University.....		10
Iverson, Blakeman & Co.....	1	
James, Bushrod W., M.D., Philadelphia, Pa.....	1	
Jay, John, Hon.....		2

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	VOLS.	PAM.
Kean, S. A. & Co., Chicago, Ill.....	1	
Kelley, William D., Hon., Philadelphia, Pa.....	2	5
King Corporation, Moses, Boston, Mass.....	1	
Kohler, K., Rev. Dr.....		1
Larremore, Wilbur.....	2	
Lawrence, Mass., Public Library.....		3
Liverpool, Eng., Free Public Library, Museum, and Walker Art Gallery.....		1
London, Eng., Diplomatic Review.....	4	1
“ “ Society of Arts.....	1	
Lowell, Mass., City Library.....		3
McCook, Anson G., Hon.....	10	
Madison, Wis., State Historical Society of Wisconsin.....		1
Massachusetts, State of, Bureau of Statistics of Labor.....	12	18
“ “ State Library.....		14
Miller, J. Bleeker.....	1	
Milwaukee, Wis., Milwaukee Public Library.....		5
Monmouth, Ill., Warren County Library.....		4
Morton, Levi P., Hon.....	4	
National Association of Wool Manufacturers.....	2	
New Bedford, Mass., Free Public Library.....		1
New Brunswick, N. J., Theological Seminary.....	1	4
New Haven, Conn., Yale University.....		71
“ “ “ Observatory.....		1
New Jersey, State of, Adjutant General.....	1	24
“ “ Boundary Commission.....		1
“ “ Gettysburg Battle Field Commission.....		2
“ “ Inspector of Factories and Workshops.....	1	
“ “ Riparian Commission.....		17
“ “ State Asylum for the Insane, Morristown, N. J.....	4	
“ “ State Board of Assessors.....		3
“ “ State Dairy Commissioner.....		5
“ “ State Geologist..... 1 map.		
“ “ State Treasurer.....	15	
New Jersey Historical Society.....	21	39
New York, State of, Bureau of Statistics of Labor.....	2	
“ “ Chamber of Commerce.....	1	
“ “ Civil Service Commission.....	1	
“ “ Commissioners of the State Reservation at Niagara.....		1
“ “ Forest Commission.....	1	
“ “ Secretary of State.....	30	
“ “ State Library.....	6	3
New York, City of, Aqueduct Commission.....	1	
“ “ Board of Education.....	4	
“ “ Board of Police Justices.....	2	
“ “ Central Park Menagerie.....		1
“ “ Department of Docks.....	11	
“ “ Department of Public Works.....	2	25
“ “ Fire Department.....	1	
“ “ Meteorological Observatory.....		11
New York Actors' Fund of America.....		2
“ Aguilar Free Library Society.....		1
“ American Bible Society.....		1
“ “ Geographical Society.....		4
“ “ Home Missionary Society.....		23

	VOLS.	PAM.
New York American Museum of Natural History.....		16
" " Numismatic and Archaeological Society.....		6
" " Society for the Prev. of Cruelty to Animals ..		14
" " Veterinary College.....		4
" Apprentices' Library.....		1
" Architectural League of New York.....	3	
" Association of the Bar.....	1	55
" Astor Library.....		1
" College of St. Francis Xavier.....		1
" College of the City of New York.....		1
" Columbia College.....	4	45
" Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art		5
" Deutsche Gesellschaft der Stadt New York.....		1
" Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Prot-		
estant Episcopal Church in the U. S. of America	1	
" General Society of Mechanics and Tradesmen.....		3
" Harvard Club of New York City.....	3	4
" Hospital Book and Newspaper Society.....		1
" Huguenot Society of America.....		1
" International Exposition of 1892. Committee on Legis-		
lation.....		1
" Kane Lodge, No. 454.....		1
" Lenox Library.....		2
" Maimonides Library.....		1
" Manhattan Eye and Ear Hospital.....		1
" Medico-Legal Journal Association.....		1
" Metropolitan Museum of Art.....		12
" National Civil-Service Reform League.....		2
" New York Academy of Sciences.....		8
" " Association for Improving the Condition of		
the Poor.....		11
" " Bible Society.....		42
" " Cancer Hospital.....		3
" " Civil-Service Reform Association.....		26
" " Free Circulating Library.....		5
" " Historical Society.....	1	1
" " Hospital and Bloomingdale Asylum.....		1
" " Institution for the Blind.....		2
" " Institution for the Instruction of the Deaf		
and Dumb.....		21
" " Produce Exchange.....	1	
" " Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to		
Children.....		1
" " Society Library.....		13
" " State Pharmaceutical Association.....	1	
" " State Stenographers' Association.....		2
" Roosevelt Hospital.....		1
" Seawanhaka Corinthian Yacht Club.....	1	
" Sheltering Arms.....		1
" Society of Sons of the Revolution.....	1	
" Sunday School Union and Tract Society of the Metho-		
dist Episcopal Church.....		11
" Thirteen Club.....		1
" Typothetæ of New York.....		1
" Union College Alumni Association.....	1	
" Union Theological Seminary.....	1	

	VOLS.	PAM.
New York Washington Life Insurance Company.....	1	
“ Woman's Medical College of the New York Infirmary..		1
“ Young Men's Christian Association. International Com- mittee.....		13
“ Young Men's Christian Association. State Committee.		1
Newark, N. J., Free Public Library.....	1	
Newport, R. I., Newport Natural History Society.....		3
“ “ Redwood Library and Athenæum.....		20
Newton, Mass., Newton Free Library.....		1
North Adams, Mass., Public Library.....		1
Oberlin, O., Oberlin College Library.....		1
Ohio, State of, State Forestry Bureau.....	2	
Omaha, Neb., Public Library.....		1
Oppenheim, Samuel.....	1	
Oxford, O., Miami University.....		1
Paterson, N. J., Free Public Library.....		3
Patrick, G. T. W., Iowa City, Iowa.....	1	
Peabody, Mass., Peabody Institute.....		6
Perry, Mrs. B. F., Greenville, S. C.....	2	
Philadelphia, Pa., Alumni Association of the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy.....		1
“ Apprentices' Library Company.....		1
“ Indian Rights Association.....		6
“ Library Company of Philadelphia.....		10
“ Mercantile Library.....		5
“ Philadelphia Social Science Association.....		2
“ “ Times.....		1
Potter, Henry C., D.D., Bishop.....	1	
Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, N. Y.....		2
Princeton, N. J., College of New Jersey.....		7
Providence, R. I., Providence Athenæum.....		30
“ Public Library.....		4
“ Rhode Island Historical Society.....		3
Quincy, Mass., Thomas Crane Public Library.....		1
Randol, James B., New Almaden, Cal.....		1
Rochester, N. Y., University of Rochester.....		39
“ Warner Observatory.....		1
Rowell, George P. & Co.....	1	
Royal Society of Canada.....	1	
St. John, Edward.....		1
St. Louis, Mo., Mercantile Library Association.....		6
“ Public Library.....		12
St. Paul, Minn., Minnesota Historical Society.....		12
Salem, Mass., Essex Institute.....	1	
“ Public Library.....		4
San Francisco, Cal., Free Public Library.....	2	
“ “ Mechanics' Institute.....	1	
“ “ Mercantile Library Association.....		1
“ “ Odd Fellows' Library Association.....		1
“ “ Southern Pacific Company.....		1
Santa Clara, Cal., Santa Clara College.....		1
Scribner's Sons, Charles.....	2	
Shirley & Co., Bridgeport, Conn.....		1
Snyder, William L.....	3	
Springfield, Mass., City Library Association.....		1
Stark, E. D., Cleveland, O.....		1

[APPENDIX IX.]

HONORARY MEMBERS
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MAY 1st, 1890.

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Isaac Bell.
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Hugh N. Camp.
Luther Clark.
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Manton Marble.
Samuel Marsh.
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Nathaniel F. Moore, LL.D.
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Wm. Remsen.
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Benj. D. Silliman.
Jonathan D. Steele.
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F. W. Steinbrenner.
Henry A. Stone.
Francis Thompson.
Silas Totten, D.D.
Richard I. Tucker.
G. B. Vroom.
Alex. S. Webb.
Hon. William H. Wickham.

[APPENDIX X.]

NEW YORK, May 17, 1890.

To the Board of Directors of the Mercantile Library:

Pursuant to the articles creating the permanent Catalogue Fund, I respectfully submit the following report of the moneys in my hands at the present date belonging to said Fund :

Amount on hand, as per last report, in Savings Banks.....	\$3,799 26
In U. S. 4½ per cent. Bond, \$100.....	
Interest accrued to January 1st, 1890.....	128 99
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	\$3,928 25
Paid to the Library interest accrued from January, 1889, to January, 1890	128 99
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Amount on hand in Savings Banks and \$100 in U.S. Bond 4½ per cent.	<u>\$3,799 26</u>

A. W. SHERMAN,

Treasurer.

[APPENDIX XL.]

OFFICERS AND MEMBERS
OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTION

AND

Officers of the Association for 1890-91.

President,

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Vice-President,

CHAS. H. PATRICK.

Treasurer,

W. D. SEARLS.

Secretary,

A. WETMORE, JR.

Directors,

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T. S. RUMNEY.

[APPENDIX XII.]

TRUSTEES OF THE PERMANENT CATALOGUE FUND.

CHAS. WAGER HULL,
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Secretary Mercantile Library Association, ex-officio.

ISAAC H. BAILEY,
President of the Clinton Hall Association, ex-officio.

DAN'L F. APPLETON, ARTHUR W. SHERMAN,
From the Members at Large.

TRUSTEES OF THE CLINTON HALL ASSOCIATION.

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HUGH N. CAMP,	CORNELIUS N. BLISS,
DANIEL F. APPLETON,	HENRY A. OAKLEY,
CHAS. H. ISHAM.	

ISAAC H. BAILEY,	HUGH N. CAMP,
<i>President.</i>	<i>Secretary.</i>

M. C. D. BORDEN,
Treasurer.

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PRESIDENTS OF THE ASSOCIATION FROM ITS ORGANIZATION.

1820-23—LUCIUS BULL.	1861-62—CHARLES F. ALLEN.
1823-24—CORNELIUS SAVAGE.	1862-63—CHARLES OSGOOD.
1824-26—BENJAMIN I. SEWARD.	1863-64—CHARLES H. SWORDS.
1827-31—R. B. BROWN.	1864-65—THEODORE H. VULTEK.
1832-34—JOHN W. STEBBINS.	1865-66—ROBT. WALKER IRWIN.
1834-35—R. R. BOYD.	1866-67—AARON C. ALLEN.
1836-37—CHARLES ROLFE.	1867-68—ALEXANDER RHIND.
1838.....EDMUND COFFIN.	1868-69—CHARLES F. ALLEN.
1839.....JOHN S. WINTHROP.	1869-70—M. C. D. BORDEN.
1839.....ELIJAH WARD.	1870.....M. C. D. BORDEN.
1840.....AUGUSTUS E. SILLIMAN.	1871.....CHARLES F. ALLEN.
1841.....HECTOR MORISON.	1871-72—ARTHUR W. SHERMAN.
1842.....JOHN T. ROLLINS.	1872.....CHARLES H. WILSON.
1843.....LEWIS McMULLEN.	1872-73—PETER VOORHIS.
1843.....RICHARD BURLEW.	1873-74—CHARLES S. ARTHUR.
1844-45—CHARLES E. MILNOR.	1874-75—SAM'L PUTNAM.
1846-47—CORNELIUS L. EVERITT.	1875-76—CHAS. C. HOUGH.
1848.....THOMAS W. GROSER.	1876-77—WM. H. GUION, JR.
1849.....ISAAC H. BAILEY.	1877-78—WM. H. GUION, JR.
1850.....THOMAS J. BAYAUD.	1878-79—SEYMOUR A. BUNCE.
1851.....HENRY A. OAKLEY.	1879-80—W. D. SEARLS.
1852.....GEORGE PECKHAM.	1880-81—CHARLES H. PATRICK.
1853.....WILLIARD L. FELT.	1881-82—CHARLES H. PATRICK.
1854.....DANIEL F. APPLETON.	1882-83—A. WETMORE, JR.
1855.....D. REYNOLDS BUDD.	1883-84—ALEX. M. EAGLESON.
1855-56—GEORGE C. WOOD.	1884-85—A. H. TIMPSON.
1856-57—JOHN CRERAR.	1885-86—JAMES MAGEE.
1857-58—ROWLAND H. TIMPSON.	1886-87—JOHN BYERS.
1857-58—ALEXANDER P. FISKE.	1887-88—J. L. GRAHAM.
1858-59—E. BOUDINOT SERVOS.	1888-89—F. A. SANDLAND.
1859-60—RICHARD A. BACHIA.	1889-90—T. S. RUMNEY.
1890-91—CHAS. E. KING SHERMAN.	1890-91—CHAS. WAGER HULL.

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T. S. RUMNEY.

SEVENTIETH ANNUAL REPORT.

GENTLEMEN:

On the 13th of May, 1890, the date of the last annual meeting of the Association, the Library had just begun business in the temporary quarters No. 67 Fifth Avenue.

The books of the circulating department were arranged and shelved on the first, second and fourth floors.

The reading room was located on the third floor of the building and this necessitated a laborious climb of two long flights of stairs before it could be reached.

The reference books were packed and stowed away rendering them inaccessible for use.

Having in mind these drawbacks, fears were expressed lest our business might suffer to a serious extent whilst we were waiting the completion of our new building. It affords me much pleasure to be able to say that these fears have not been realized.

It is true our membership shows a slight falling off from last year, and the number of books circulated is somewhat less, but considering the adverse conditions under which we have labored during the past twelve months, we think we have accomplished all that could have been reasonably hoped for.

CIRCULATION.

The books circulated were issued as follows :

From 67 Fifth Avenue,.....	54,622	volumes.
" 426 Fifth Avenue,.....	49,267	"
" 33 Liberty Street,.....	21,500	"
Delivered at members' residences,.....	5,265	"
Total circulation,.....	130,654	"

This is a decrease as compared with last year of 18,349 volumes.

As we last year issued 17,677 volumes in our reference department, and this department being entirely closed during the year just ended, the above figures only indicate a loss of 672 volumes in the circulation of books for home use.

CIRCULATION BY MONTHS.

May,.....	11,817	volumes.
June,.....	10,611	"
July,.....	8,472	"
August,.....	5,416	"
September,.....	7,554	"
October,.....	10,410	"
November,.....	11,788	"
December,.....	11,906	"
January,.....	14,291	"
February,.....	12,035	"
March,.....	13,420	"
April,.....	12,934	"
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	130,654	"

CLASSIFICATION OF THE BOOKS CIRCULATED.

Theology.....	1,860	volumes.....	.0141%
Mental and moral science.....	1,938	"	.0148%
Political science.....	2,929	"	.0224%
Literature.....	12,615	"	.0965%
History, geography and travels.....	12,817	"	.0987%
Biography.....	7,884	"	.0603%
Mathematics.....	116	"	.0009%
Natural science.....	1,372	"	.0105%
Medical science.....	515	"	.0039%
Arts.....	1,671	"	.0127%
Fiction, English.....	76,027	"	.5818%
" French.....	7,611	"	.0582%
" German.....	3,247	"	.0248%
" other foreign.....	52	"	.0004%
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	130,654		

The average monthly circulation was 10,888 volumes.

The largest issue was in the month of January, and the smallest in the month of August.

The average daily circulation was (291 days issue) 449 volumes.

The largest number of books circulated in one day was 976 volumes on the 10th of April, and the smallest 76 volumes on November 4th.

The number of notices sent to members to return books *retained over time* was 7,294.

MEMBERSHIP.

The total number of members on April 30th, 1890, was	3,375
Active members added during the year.....	152
Subscribing " " " "	977
	<hr/> 1,129
Active members' accounts closed.....	240
Subscribing " " " "	1,008
	<hr/> 1,248
A decrease for the year of.....	<hr/> 119
	<hr/> 3,256
Number of active members, April 30th, 1891....	1,033
" " subscribing " " " "	2,223
" " honorary " " " "	56
" " editors using library " "	28
Members of Clinton Hall Association.....	1,701
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Total number of persons entitled to use the Library, April 30th, 1891.....	5,041

BOOKS.

The number of books added during the year was 5,356 volumes. Of this number 5,085 volumes were obtained by purchase and 271 volumes were received through donations.

The number of duplicate books sold during the year was 107, which being deducted from the above figures, makes the net increase for the year 5,249 volumes. The total number of volumes in the Library on the 30th of April, 1891, was 234,461 volumes.

FINANCES.

The total income of the Library for the year from all sources was \$28,118.74.

The total expenditures were \$24,213.81.

For books, periodicals and binding there was expended \$3,757.30 which, with the expenditure of \$2,949.09 by the Clinton Hall Association, makes the total expenditure for books, etc., \$6,706.39.

BRANCH LIBRARY, 426 Fifth Avenue.

The total number of books circulated from this branch during the year was 52,931 volumes.

The circulation by months was as follows :

May	5,015	volumes.
June	4,774	"
July	2,880	"
August	896	"
September	2,529	"
October	4,100	"
November	4,875	"
December	4,889	"
January	6,091	"
February	5,317	"
March	5,627	"
April	5,938	"
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	52,931	

The books circulated are classified as follows :

Theology	476	volumes.
Mental and moral science	415	"
Political science	680	"
Literature	3,955	"
History, geography and travels	3,991	"
Biography	2,899	"
Mathematics	13	"
Natural science	264	"
Medical science	75	"
Arts	317	"
Fiction, English	36,525	"
" French	2,733	"
" German	1,085	"
" other foreign	3	"
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	52,931	

The average monthly circulation was 4,411 volumes.

The average daily circulation was 173 volumes.

The largest number of books circulated in one day was 388 volumes on February 24th, and the smallest was 31 volumes on the 6th of August.

The number of volumes added during the year was 1,595. The total number of volumes at this branch is 20,979. This branch was closed from the 17th of August until September 1st.

On April 30th, 1891, the total number of persons using this branch was 1,687.

Members and Subscribers	1,356
Clinton Hall Stockholders	331
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	1,687

DOWN-TOWN BRANCH, 33 Liberty Street.

The total circulation of this branch for the year was 21,500 volumes, classified as follows :

Theology.....	169 volumes.
Mental and moral science.....	411 "
Political science.....	846 "
Literature.....	2,022 "
History, geography and travels.....	1,392 "
Biography.....	1,010 "
Mathematics.....	51 "
Natural science.....	186 "
Medical science.....	83 "
Arts.....	108 "
Fiction, English.....	14,073 "
" French.....	909 "
" German.....	150 "
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	21,500

The business of this branch, we regret to say, continues to show a diminution each year.

The yearly circulation of books, which once reached 59,000 volumes has now become reduced to 21,500 volumes.

Various causes have contributed to bring about this result. The two principal ones we think are, first, the distribution of our population over a larger and greatly extended area, and second, the opening of libraries in the suburban towns from whence this branch formerly drew a large part of its business.

We think these influences will continue to operate in the future, rendering it only a question of time when the Library will be compelled to close this branch altogether.

READING ROOM STATISTICS.

	Attendance.
May	1,734
June.....	1,302
July.....	1,130
August.....	897
September.....	1,221
October.....	1,596
November.....	1,375
December.....	1,683
January.....	1,856
February.....	1,526
March.....	1,871
April	759
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Total.....	16,950
Monthly average attendance.....	1,412½
Daily " " (291 days).....	58

CATALOGUES AND READERS' AIDS.

Accession lists of the books added to the library, Nos. 210 to 247 of the books in the English language, and Nos. 53 to 62 of the foreign books, in all 7,350 copies, were issued and given to the readers free of charge.

The following additions have been made to our card catalogues :

To the Public catalogue, Astor place.....	4,651	cards,	3	guides.
" " Official	4,351	"	3	"
" " Fifth Avenue branch catalogue.....	2,185	"	79	"
" " Liberty Street "	548	"	—	—
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Total,	11,735	cards,	85	guides.

In addition to these there were written 8,027 cards for the Public catalogue, partly to replace worn out cards, partly in condensing and correcting old cards.

CONCLUSION.

In the month of December we received notice from the landlord of the building No. 67 Fifth Avenue, that the premises had been rented for a term of years, and that the parties would require possession on the 1st of May.

At the time this notice was received the appearance and condition of the new building did not warrant the belief that it could be made ready by the 1st of May. Communication was had with the Trustees of Clinton Hall, and assurances came that the Library rooms would be in condition for us to commence moving by the middle of April.

Early in March the following notice was issued to the members of the Library.

Mercantile Library.

NEW YORK, March, 1891.

NOTICE.

To enable the books and furniture to be moved into the new building, on Astor Place, the Library and Reading Room will be closed on and after Monday the 13th of April next.

The Library will be reopened as soon as it is possible to get it in order, and ready for business.

The Branch Libraries at 426 Fifth Avenue and 33 Liberty Street will be kept open, but no deliveries of books can be made from the main Library.

At the Liberty Street Branch the daily newspapers will be found on file, as also the illustrated papers and the popular magazines.

Those members who do not wish to make use of the branches, may, in addition to the regular book, draw four extra books without charge. These books may be retained during the period the Library is closed.

The Library quarters in the new building will be on the two upper floors, which can be reached by two commodious elevators.

The Reading Room and Reference Department will be on the sixth floor, and the Circulating Department for home use on the seventh floor.

The entrance to the building will be on Astor Place.

In accordance with the above notice we were ready to commence moving on the morning of the 13th of April.

It was found however that neither the shelves of the circulating department nor those of the reference department were in condition for the reception of the books.

After a delay of three days we were enabled to begin our moving.

The first load of books was placed on the elevator in the new building about eight o'clock on the morning of Thursday the 16th of April.

The moving of the books was kept up continuously until the afternoon of the 28th of April, when the last load was taken in the building.

The entire force of library clerks is still at work arranging the books and placing them in their allotted places under the new plan of entirely separating the department for reference from the circulating department for home use.

As yet our quarters in the new building are far from being complete, hence the necessity of our meeting in these rooms to-night, the use of which was kindly offered us by the Directors of the American Institute.

Considering the magnitude of our work and the very incomplete condition of our rooms in the new building it is impossible to say at this time when the Library can be reopened.

We bespeak the kind indulgence of our members, assuring them that every effort will be made to get the Library ready that it may be opened for use at the earliest date possible.

On behalf of the Board of Direction.

CHAS. WAGER HULL, *President.*

NEW YORK, May 12, 1891.

70th ANNUAL MEETING.

The 70th annual meeting of the Mercantile Library Association was held in the rooms of the American Institute, No. 113 West 38th Street, on Tuesday evening, May 12th, 1891.

The meeting was called to order by the President of the Association, Mr. Chas. Wager Hull, who occupied the chair.

The minutes of the 69th annual meeting were read and approved.

The Secretary read the reports of the President and Treasurer of the Clinton Hall Association, which were received and ordered to be printed with the annual report.

The report of Mr. W. D. Searls, the Treasurer of the Mercantile Library Association, was read and approved.

The President read the report of the transactions of the Association for the year just ended which, on motion, was adopted and the usual number of copies ordered to be printed for the use of the members.

Two letters from James Simson were read and ordered on file.

On motion, the meeting adjourned.

A. WETMORE, Jr.,
Secretary.

APPENDIXES TO ANNUAL REPORT.

[APPENDIX I.]

TREASURER'S REPORT OF THE MERCANTILE
LIBRARY ASSOCIATION,*For the Year ending April 30th, 1891.*

RECEIPTS.

Balance April 30th, 1891.....	\$2,106 01	
Initiation Fees.....	1,129 00	
Semi-annual dues.....	13,041 00	
Duplicate accounts.....	664 50	
Amount received for extra books and fines.....	3,148 83	
Catalogues.....	34 05	
Duplicate books.....	70 35	
Book delivery.....	244 70	
Old paper.....	14 75	
Rent (426 5th Avenue).....	1,999 99	
Insurance premium returned.....	18 33	
Clinton Hall Association.....	4,357 03	
Interest.....	1,025 00	
Permanent catalogue fund interest.....	138 60	
Old fixtures.....	126 60	
		\$28,118 74

EXPENDITURES.

Books.....	\$1,275 93	
Periodicals.....	1,484 11	
Binding.....	997 26	
Light.....	248 75	
Fixtures.....	299 90	
Salaries.....	7,854 12	
Incidentals.....	593 02	
Down-town branch.....	2,177 72	
Fifth Avenue branch.....	6,578 29	
Stationery.....	411 18	
Advertising.....	262 55	
Catalogue.....	897 00	
Book delivery.....	300 00	
Postage.....	102 18	
Engineer.....	199 00	
Moving expenses.....	532 71	
Balance Lincoln National Bank.....	3,904 93	
		\$28,118 74

[APPENDIX II.]

Clinton Hall Association.

NEW YORK, May 9, 1891.

To the President and Directors of the Mercantile Library Association.

GENTLEMEN: I inclose a copy of the report of the Treasurer of the Clinton Hall Association. As the building is still incomplete, it would be perhaps premature to add any remarks to the Treasurer's figures. The Trustees hope that when every thing is finished it will be to the satisfaction of both associations, and in furtherance of the cause of popular education.

Very respectfully,

ISAAC H. BAILEY,

President.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF

M. C. D. BORDEN, TREASURER CLINTON HALL ASSOCIATION,

MAY, 1891.

LIBRARY FUND.

RECEIPTS,

Cash on hand May, 1890.....	\$3,712 87	
From general fund.....	16,308 33	
		<u>\$20,021 20</u>

EXPENDITURES.

Advertising.....	8 40
Books.....	2,949 09
Binding.....	548 63
Coal.....	218 00
Insurance.....	566 68
Engraving.....	25 00
Janitor.....	399 96
Plumbing.....	350 66
Signs.....	38 50
Safe deposit box.....	22 00
Superintendent.....	875 00
Stationery, etc.....	64 66
Taxes.....	787 46
Water taxes.....	79 20

MERCANTILE LIBRARY.

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MERCANTILE LIBRARY.

Rent, Liberty Street.....	475 00	
Rent, Fifth Avenue branch.....	2,200 00	
Rent, 67 Fifth Avenue.....	7,500 00	
Work, 67 Fifth Avenue.....	1,587 20	
Clerical services.....	600 00	
Printing annual report.....	30 00	
Moving, etc.....	509 40	
	<u>\$19,834 84</u>	
Cash in bank.....	186 36	
	<u>\$20,021 20</u>	

BUILDING FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand, May, 1890.....	\$220,000 00	
Interest.....	8,199 43	
Loan, bond and mortgage.....	275,000 00	
	<u>\$503,199 43</u>	

EXPENDITURES.

Library fund.....	\$16,308 33	
Interest.....	1,575 00	
New building.....	384,630 37	
	<u>\$402,513 70</u>	
Cash in bank.....	50,685 73	
Certificate of deposit.....	50,000 00	
	<u>\$503,199 43</u>	

INSURANCE.

On building.....	\$200,000 00	
On books and furniture.....	66,671 86	
	<u>\$266,671 86</u>	

BOOKS ADDED DURING THE YEAR—2094 VOLUMES.

CLASSIFIED AS FOLLOWS:

On Theology.....	68	
“ Mental and moral science.....	25	
“ Political science.....	80	
“ Literature.....	144	
“ History, geography and travels.....	187	
“ Biography.....	221	
“ Natural science.....	23	
“ Medical science.....	9	
“ Art.....	30	
“ Fiction.....	1,302	
	<u>2,094</u>	
Previous purchases.....	64,436	
Total volumes added by Clinton Hall.....	<u>66,530</u>	

M. C. D. BORDEN,

NEW YORK, May 8th, 1891.

Treasurer.

[APPENDIX III.]

ANNUAL ADDITIONS OF MEMBERS AND BOOKS.

Expenditures for Books, Total Receipts, etc., from the 9th of November, 1820, to the 1st of May, 1891.

YEARS.	No. of mem- bers who have joined the Library.	No. of Vols. acquired by purchase & donation.	Amount Ex- pended for books and periodicals.	Amount Ex- pended for Binding.	Donations received.	Total Receipts.
1820-21	204	1,000	\$600 00		\$600 00	\$900 00
1822	76	250	273 00		150 00	510 00
1823	81	100	150 00		250 00	796 69
1824	77	175	208 00			712 23
1825	257	675	619 00	\$73 00	795 00	1,469 00
1826	471	1,000	756 72	190 28	785 75	2,246 42
1827	360	1,200	695 12	31 88		1,750 52
1828	295	1,000	330 27	146 25		1,572 47
1829	414	600	562 30	154 28		1,701 81
1830	486	600	567 91	99 25		1,755 82
1831	507	750	1,177 19	68 48		2,360 71
1832	383	864	1,107 36	197 55		3,033 58
1833	382	1,379	1,303 98	224 20		2,978 98
1834	393	1,060	1,278 20	223 29		2,977 59
1835	680	1,522	2,126 32	238 51		4,333 18
1836	867	1,845	2,286 74	250 70		5,110 80
1837	936	2,547	2,806 47	186 04		6,109 20
1838	1,008	2,471	3,115 72	423 91		7,477 99
1839	1,097	3,583	4,278 23	729 60		8,082 15
1840	501	300	1,995 19	615 42		7,071 17
1841	627	1,129	1,425 12	591 75		6,935 30
1842	308	1,252	2,179 79	670 77		5,567 70
1843	252	465	797 80	536 85		4,355 86
1844	387	745	708 35	271 25		3,959 20
1845	582	1,428	1,628 60	402 65		4,082 04
1846	609	1,883	2,072 59	500 34		5,044 61
1847	687	2,258	3,311 95	549 19		5,902 90
1848	681	2,276	3,392 71	445 52		6,286 21
1849	1,013	2,517	3,531 83	600 35		7,207 06
1850	1,116	1,865	2,608 63	286 72	3,000 00	10,691 95
1851	1,041	2,957	4,050 01	560 84		8,290 00
1852	1,293	4,346	4,786 35	889 67		9,931 72
1853	991	2,900	3,916 54	418 96		8,929 82
1854	1,216	2,400	3,019 07	381 26		9,691 95
1855-56	1,783	3,588	4,477 42	1,475 44		14,223 95
1856-57	1,088	1,521	1,384 21	661 10		10,453 95
1857-58	877	824	1,615 93	581 77		9,182 50
1858-59	969	3,040	3,537 80	521 53		9,509 59
1859-60	1,080	3,183	3,259 52	342 87	10,000 50	20,615 86
1860-61	1,109	2,827	3,141 37	318 62	50 00	11,249 19
1861-62	792	1,322	2,663 41	135 72	400 00	10,276 47
1862-63	803	4,581	3,358 70	817 03		12,711 21
1863-64	1,564	6,047	7,412 80	318 23		17,638 94
1864-65	2,830	7,408	10,420 81	586 60	4,000 00	29,146 81
1865-66	3,332	9,023	11,639 18	582 90	2,000 00	41,761 01
1866-67	2,825	10,090	12,479 11	1,000 45		40,380 36
1867-68	2,689	9,351	11,075 29	660 24	5,000 00	41,782 50
1868-69	2,434	12,024	13,092 98	563 75		38,014 82
1869-70	3,129	13,000	11,894 97	1,577 75		40,468 00
1870-71	2,379	12,210	10,831 01	1,414 70		42,258 81
1871-72	2,511	10,914	10,491 88	2,039 58		44,678 31
1872-73	2,004	6,919	6,631 26	2,298 85		38,869 46
1873-74	1,860	5,455	10,174 08	951 37	1,500 00	35,980 67
1874-75	1,850	9,062	10,387 00	591 50		34,657 83
1875-76	1,694	10,618	11,326 44	1,116 05	1,000 00	34,907 02
1876-77	1,584	10,198	10,307 24	1,189 24		35,094 76
1877-78	1,306	8,831	7,420 71	1,148 89	5,000 00	34,799 02
1878-79	1,254	7,027	9,949 38	739 84		27,357 53
1879-80	1,481	6,439	5,633 74	750 66		26,356 32
1880-81	1,195	4,446	4,951 56	796 91		23,582 95
1881-82	1,030	4,837	4,001 51	1,547 83		21,095 65
1882-83	976	5,230	3,578 99	1,426 12		22,082 52
1883-84	1,347	5,853	4,751 93	1,230 15		26,681 06
1884-85	1,253	6,920	4,452 23	1,507 14		27,305 61
1885-86	1,482	7,349	5,292 33	1,554 34		29,021 19
1886-87	1,453	6,318	4,125 69	1,206 23		28,827 12
1887-88	1,403	6,793	9,107 52	1,224 44		20,586 31
1888-89	1,210	7,315	9,319 27	1,280 71		20,349 30
1889-90	1,217	6,763	8,248 06	1,240 06		28,757 11
90-91	1,199	5,954	5,790 12	967 26		28,118 74

[APPENDIX IV.]
CIRCULATION.

The following table shows the number of books delivered annually from the 80th of April, 1859, to the 80th of April, 1891. Prior to the former date there is no accurate record of the circulation of the Library.

YEAR.	Total Issues.	Delivered at Main Library.	Delivered at Down town Office.	Delivered at Other Branch Offices.	Delivered at Residences.	No. of Volumes Standard Literature delivered.	No. of Volumes Fiction delivered.	No. of Volumes in Foreign Languages delivered.	Daily Average. The figures in this col. prior to those for 1887 are approximate only.	Largest Circulation in one day.	Date of last column.
1859-60	64,283	46,097	18,186			40,102	184,117	3,036	6,838	1,573	Aug. 10.
1860-61	79,772	64,218	15,555		8,946	52,890	146,402	6,543	7,110	1,846	Feb. 27.
1861-62	95,676	70,827	15,748		11,184	52,303	150,916	6,947	7,432	1,838	Feb. 19.
1862-63	85,273	70,624	14,649		11,458	57,272	160,666	7,202	7,700	1,727	Mar. 18.
1863-64	102,046	85,062	16,987		12,869	61,519	172,523	14,943	8,793	1,722	Jan. 30.
1864-65	138,606	104,437	33,172		12,869	73,167	170,839	16,149	8,906	1,647	Jan. 26.
1865-66	173,218	124,213	49,005		12,206	62,489	168,669	17,153	780	1,343	Jan. 24.
1866-67	208,664	151,568	56,980		5,791	60,970	182,064	15,068	697	1,407	Jan. 20.
1867-68	206,130	154,453	51,678		2,422	58,584	127,785	16,796	670	1,463	Mar. 18.
1868-69	324,130	224,789	99,342		4,283	57,223	118,949	14,027	635	1,503	Mar. 3.
1869-70	320,054	224,353	95,699		5,496	56,901	130,367	11,952	619	2,062	Aug. 11.
1870-71	320,545	224,353	95,699		4,970	57,428	104,864	10,951	630	973	Mar. 1.
1871-72	324,632	224,353	95,699		3,946	67,525	104,864	10,951	630	973	Mar. 6.
1872-73	320,545	224,353	95,699	19,860	3,659	69,309	73,070	10,951	630	973	Mar. 16.
1873-74	324,632	224,353	95,699	24,264	2,705	69,309	82,660	13,954	512	1,066	June 21.
1874-75	303,145	224,353	95,699	18,158	1,660	46,359	61,737	12,060	411	754	June 24.
1875-76	190,829	139,957	46,459		2,064	49,044	53,967	9,824	368	678	Mar. 15.
1876-77	186,860	137,367	46,087		2,733	51,497	63,582	12,889	455	981	Feb. 28.
1877-78	177,936	132,063	40,873	8,888	3,261	55,461	63,582	12,889	455	1,006	Jan. 23.
1878-79	158,799	126,308	38,545	11,844	2,176	55,983	63,582	12,889	455	984	Mar. 19.
1879-80	148,251	107,414	33,370	9,567	2,010	60,091	63,582	12,889	455	1,004	Mar. 24.
1880-81	156,671	117,145	33,477		2,860	65,227	63,582	12,889	455	1,380	Feb. 28.
1881-82	130,545	84,380	24,668		1,860	58,490	63,582	12,889	455	976	April 10.
1882-83	112,375	83,131	27,549	19,227		43,717	63,582	12,889	455		
1883-84	138,049	79,065	25,732	31,342							
1884-85	138,002	79,065	25,732	35,854							
1885-86	149,355	79,065	25,732	41,910							
1886-87	151,314	79,065	25,732	48,391							
1887-88	158,693	82,132	28,293	51,248							
1888-89	149,008	72,373	23,238	51,607							
1889-90	180,654	94,622	31,600	49,267							

[APPENDIX V.]

BOOK ACCOUNT.

Number of volumes April 30th, 1890.....	229,212
“ “ added this year by purchase.....	5,085
“ “ “ “ “ by donation.....	271
	<hr/> 5,356
English Books added.....	4,870
French “ “	310
German “ “	176
	<hr/> 5,356
Folio and Quarto.....	366
Octavo.....	988
Duodecimo, etc.....	4,002
	<hr/> 5,356
On Theology.....	133
“ Mental and Moral Science.....	83
“ Political Science.....	268
“ Natural Science.....	80
“ Literature.....	578
“ History, Geography and Travels.....	557
“ Biography.....	422
“ Mathematics.....	1
“ Medicine.....	44
“ Arts.....	122
“ English Fiction.....	2,721
“ French “	226
“ German “	121
	<hr/> 5,356
Less Surplus and Imperfect Books sold.....	107
	<hr/> 5,249
Total Number of Volumes April 30th, 1891.....	234,461
Books added by Clinton Hall Association.....	2,094 vols.
Pamphlets added.....	444
Periodicals bound.....	446 vols.
No. of Volumes at the Up-town Branch April 30, 1890.....	19,384
Added this year.....	1,595
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Total Number April 30, 1891.....	20,979 vols.

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	NEW BOOKS.					OLD BOOKS.					GRAND TOTAL.
	Half Morocco.	Duck.	Half Roan.	Cloth.	TOTAL.	Duck.	Half Morocco.	Cloth.	Re-cased.	TOTAL.	
1890-May.....	—	28	—	244	272	—	—	57	18	75	347
June.....	—	13	—	164	177	—	—	54	11	65	242
July.....	—	16	—	201	217	—	—	54	8	62	279
August.....	—	3	—	89	92	—	—	23	4	27	119
September.	—	5	—	169	174	1	—	71	11	83	257
October....	—	5	—	192	197	—	—	84	19	103	300
November.	—	28	—	213	241	—	—	77	16	93	334
December.	—	16	—	215	231	—	—	69	26	95	326
1891-January....	—	91	1	79	171	2	—	78	28	108	279
February..	—	1	—	100	101	6	—	90	11	107	208
March.....	—	80	1	198	279	2	—	89	17	108	387
April.....	—	218	—	21	239	—	—	13	1	14	253
Total.....	—	504	2	1,885	2,391	11	—	759	170	940	3,331

[APPENDIX VII.]

EXECUTIVE FORCE.

Librarian—WM. T. PEOPLES.

Assistant Librarian—T. J. TITUS.

Catalogue Department—CHARLES BRUN.

Book-keeper and Cashier—T. R. MCSTRAVICK.

Desk Clerks :

CHAS. COX, *Chief*,

CHAS. GROME,

FRANK G. MACNIERNEY.

Reading Room Attendant—MISS LAURA BONN.

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Fifth Avenue Branch :

LOUIS BATTRE',

THOS. CRINIGAN.

Messengers :

WM. COSTELLO,

FRANK MCGOLDRICK.

Janitor—JOHN CRINIGAN.

[APPENDIX VIII.]

LIST OF DONORS

TO THE

MERCANTILE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION,

For the Year ending April 30, 1891.

	VOLS.	PAM.
Aitken, William B.....	1	
Alden, Mrs. Joseph.....	1	
American Antiquarian Society.....		2
" Pharmaceutical Association.....	1	
Amherst, Mass., Amherst College.....		3
Andover, Mass., Andover Theological Seminary.....		1
" Phillips Academy.....		2
Arber, E., Birmingham, Eng.....	1	
Bailey, Isaac H.....	1	
Baltimore, Md., Enoch Pratt Free Library.....	1	1
" Johns Hopkins University.....		7
" Peabody Institute.....		1
Barrows, Henry D., Los Angeles, Cal.....		1
Belford-Clarke Co., Chicago, Ill.....	1	
Berkeley, Cal., University of California.....		1
Boston, Mass., Boston Athenæum.....		1
" Massachusetts Society of the Cincinnati.....	1	
" National Association of Wool Manufacturers.....	1	
" Office of City Messenger.....	2	
" Public Library.....		1
Bradlee, Caleb D., D.D., Ph.D., Rev., Boston, Mass.....		5
Branner, John C., Little Rock, Ark.....		1
Bridgeport, Conn., Public Library and Reading Room.....		2
Brighton, Eng., Free Library, Museum and Picture Gallery....		1
Brooklyn, N.Y., Board of Education.....	1	
" Brooklyn Daily Eagle.....	1	
" Brooklyn Library.....		3
" Bureau of Charities.....		1
" Church Charity Foundation of Long Island....		1
" Pratt Institute.....		3
Brunswick, Me., Bowdoin College Library.....		2
Buenos Aires, Arg. Rep., National Library.....	4	
Buffalo, N.Y., Buffalo Historical Society.....		1
" Buffalo Library.....		1
Bullard, Edward F., General.....		1
Cambridge, Mass., Harvard University.....		7
Carter, James C.....		1

	VOLS.	PAM.
Chicago, Ill., Board of Trade.....	I	
" " Newberry Library.....		I
" " Public Library.....		I
Cincinnati, O., Public Library.....	I	4
" " Young Men's Mercantile Library Association....		I
Cleveland, O., Public Library.....		I
College Hill, Mass., Tufts College.....		2
Conkling, Fred A.....		I
Counsel, Edward, Somerville, Australia.....		I
Danvers, Mass., Peabody Institute.....		I
Detroit, Mich., Public Library.....	I	
Dorsey, Geo. W. E., M.D., Washington, D.C.....		5
Dwight, Timothy, D.D., New Haven, Conn.....		I
Eidlitz, L.....		I
Ely, George H., Cleveland, O.....		I
Forney, M. N.....		I
Frothingham, Ephraim L. and Arthur L. Frothingham, Balti- more, Md.....	I	
Gallup, Charles H., Ashtabula, O.....		2
Germantown, Pa., Friends' Free Library and Reading Room....		I
Gibson, George Rutledge.....		I
Gibson, Joseph W.....	3	
Gloversville, N.Y., Free Library.....		I
Grand Rapids, Mich., Public Library.....		I
Green, Andrew H.....		I
Hamersley, T. Hooker.....		I
Harlan, Caleb, M.D., Wilmington, Del.....	I	
Hartford, Conn., Connecticut Historical Society.....		2
" " Hartford Library Association.....		4
" " Hartford Steam Boiler Inspection and Insurance Company.....	I	
" " Hartford Theological Seminary.....		I
" " Trinity College.....		2
Indianapolis, Ind., Public Library.....	I	I
Ithaca, N.Y., Cornell University.....		4
Jay, John (Hon.).....		I
Jesup, Morris K.....		I
Kelsey, Charles B., M.D.....		I
Konvalinka, J. G., Long Island City.....		I
Lathers, Richard., New Rochelle.....		I
Lawrence, Mass., Public Library.....		5
Lippincott Company, J. B., Philadelphia, Pa.....	I	
Logan, Utah, County Court of Cache County.....	I	
London, Eng., Cobden Club.....		I
" " Society of Arts.....	I	
Lowell, Mass., City Library.....		I
Luttgen, Fredk. Wm.....		I
Lynn, Mass., Public Library.....		2
Lyon, James B.....	I	
McBreen, P. F.....	I	
McCook, Anson G. (Hon.).....	14	
McKnight, David A.....	I	
McPherson, John R. (Hon.).....		I
Manchester, Eng., Public Free Libraries.....		I
Massachusetts, State of, Bureau of Statistics of Labor....	2	
Milwaukee, Wis., Public Library.....		4

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	VOLS.	PAM.
Minneapolis, Minn., Minneapolis Industrial Exposition.....		2
" " Public Library.....		11
Monmouth, Ill., Warren County Library.....		4
Montreal, Can., Royal Society of Canada.....	1	
New Bedford, Mass., Free Public Library.....		1
New Haven, Conn., Yale University.....		3
" " " Observatory.....		1
New Jersey, State of, Adjutant-General.....	1	
" " " Boundary Commission.....		1
" " " State Geologist.....	2	1
" " " State Library.....	1	
" " " State Treasurer.....	1	
New Jersey Historical Society.....		2
New York, State of, Bureau of Statistics of Labor.....	1	
" " " Chamber of Commerce.....	1	
" " " Civil Service Commission.....	1	
" " " New York State Pharmaceutical Association.....	1	
" " " New York State Reformatory, Elmira, N.Y.....		15
" " " Secretary of State.....	26	1
" " " State Library.....		2
" " " University of the State of New York.....		1
New York, City of, Board of Education.....	4	
" " " Common Council.....	10	
" " " Fire Department.....	1	
" " " Health Department.....	3	
" " " Meteorological Observatory.....		13
New York, Actors' Fund of America.....		1
" Aguilar Free Library Society.....		1
" American Academy of the Dramatic Arts.....		1
" " Bankers' Association.....		2
" " Bible Society.....		1
" " Geographical Society.....		3
" " Home Missionary Society.....		2
" " Museum of Natural History.....		2
" " Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.....		1
" Apprentices' Library.....		1
" Architectural League of New York.....	1	
" Astor Library.....		1
" Children's Aid Society.....		6
" College of the City of New York.....		1
" Cooper Union.....		1
" Deutsch-Amerikanischer Techniker Verband.....		5
" Deutsche Gesellschaft der Stadt New York.....		1
" Deutscher Rechtsschutz-Verein.....		1
" Free Circulating Library.....		1
" General Society of Mechanics and Tradesmen.....		1
" Hospital Book and Newspaper Society.....		1
" Huguenot Society of America.....	1	
" Illustrated American Publishing Co.....	2	
" Isabella Heimath.....		1
" Jewish Theological Seminary Association.....		2
" Maimonides Library.....		3
" Manhattan Eye and Ear Hospital.....		1
" Mount Sinai Hospital.....		1
" National Civil Service Reform League.....		1

	VOLS.	PAM.
New York, New York Academy of Science.....		9
" " Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor.....		1
" " Centennial Celebration, Sub-Committee, Army.....	3	
" " Civil Service Reform Association.....		1
" " Hospital and Bloomingdale Asylum.....		1
" " Institution for the Blind.....		2
" " Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children.....		1
" " Southern Society.....	1	
" " State Medical Association.....		1
" Northern Pacific Railroad Co.....	1	
" Produce Exchange.....	1	
" Roosevelt Hospital.....		1
" Seawanhaka Corinthian Yacht Club of New York....	2	
" Society of the Cincinnati.....	1	
" Sunday School Union and Tract Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church.....		1
" Technischer Verein.....		1
" Thirteen Club.....		1
" Typothetæ of New York.....		1
" Union College Alumni Association.....	1	
" Union League Club.....	1	
" Woman's Medical College of the New York Infirmary		1
" Young Men's Christian Association of the City of New York.....		1
" Young Men's Christian Association, International Committee.....		1
" Young Women's Christian Association.....		1
Newark, N.J., Free Public Library.....		3
Newburgh, City of, Board of Education.....		1
Newburyport, Mass., Public Library.....		1
Newport, R.I., Newport Natural History Society.....		1
" " Redwood Library and Athenæum.....		1
Ohio, State of, State Forestry Bureau.....	1	
Omaha, Neb., Public Library.....		1
Original and Progressive Publishing Co.....		1
Paterson, N.J., Free Public Library.....		1
Path, The, Publishing Co.....	1	
Peabody, Mass., Peabody Institute.....		1
Peoria, Ill., Public Library.....		1
Perry, Mrs. B. F., Greenville, S.C.....	2	
Philadelphia, Pa., Alumni Association of the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy.....		1
" Apprentices' Library Company.....		1
" Franklin Institute.....		1
" Historical Society of Pennsylvania.....	1	
" Library Company of Philadelphia.....		3
" Mercantile Library.....		3
" Philadelphia Times.....		1
" State Penitentiary for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.....		1
" University of Pennsylvania.....		1
Poor, H. V. & H. W. Poor.....		2
Princeton, N.J., Princeton College.....		7

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Providence, R.I., Providence Athenæum.....		1
" Rhode Island Historical Society.....		1
Quincy, Mass., Thomas Crane Public Library.....		1
Randol, James Butterworth, New Almaden, Cal.....		1
Regan, William M., Minneapolis, Minn.....		1
Richards, Huntington, M.D.....	6	
Roberts, Milton Josiah, M.D.....		1
Rochester, N.Y., Rochester Academy of Sciences.....		1
" University of Rochester.....		1
Rumney, T. S.....		1
St. Louis, Mo., Mercantile Library Association.....		1
" Public Library.....		1
St. Paul, Minn., Minnesota Historical Society.....	1	1
Salem, Mass., Essex Institute.....		4
" Public Library.....		1
San Francisco, Cal., Free Public Library.....		1
" Mercantile Library Association.....		1
" Odd Fellows' Library Association.....		1
" Southern Pacific Company.....		1
Santa Clara, Cal., Santa Clara College.....		1
Sause, Judson.....	1	
Slafter, Edmund F., Rev., D.D., Boston, Mass.....		1
South Norwalk, Conn., Public Library and Reading Room.....		2
Springfield, Mass., City Library Association.....		1
Summers, James C.....	1	
Swansea, Eng., Public Library and Gallery of Art.....		1
Taunton, Mass., Public Library.....		1
Thiry, J. H., Long Island City.....		4
Toledo, O., Public Library..... 1 photograph		3
Toronto, Can., Public Library.....		6
Torrey, D., Detroit, Mich.....	1	
Trenwith, Wm. H.....		10
Tucker, Willis G., M.D., Albany, N.Y.....		3
United States, Board on Geographical Names.....		1
" Department of Agriculture.....	1	16
" " Division of Entomology.....		7
" Department of State.....	3	22
" " International American Conference.....	2	4
" Department of the Interior.....	154	20
" " Bureau of Education.....		6
" " Census Office.....		1
" " Interstate Commerce Commission.....		
" " Patent Office.....	23	
" " Pension Office.....		1
" " Superintendent of Documents.....		1
" Department of the Navy, Naval Observatory.....	1	2
" " Office of Naval Intelligence.....	1	
" Department of the Treasury, Bureau of Navigation.....		1
" " Bureau of Statistics.....		6
" " Coast and Geodetic Survey.....	2	4
" " Comptroller of the Currency.....	1	

	VOIS.	PAM.
United States, Department of the Treasury, Director of the Mint	2	
“ Department of the War, Chief of Engineers.....	1	
“ “ “ Chief Signal Office.....		3
“ “ “ Surgeon-General's Office.	1	
Unknown Friend.....	1	
Washington, D. C. Smithsonian Institution.....	2	4
Waterhouse, Sylvester, St. Louis, Mo.....		13
Watertown, Mass., Watertown Historical Society.....		1
Webb, William Seward.....	1	
Wilmington, Del., Wilmington Institute.....		1
Wilstach, John A., La Fayette, Ind.....		1
Worcester, Mass., Free Public Library.....		1

[APPENDIX IX.]

HONORARY MEMBERS

OF THE

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[APPENDIX X.]

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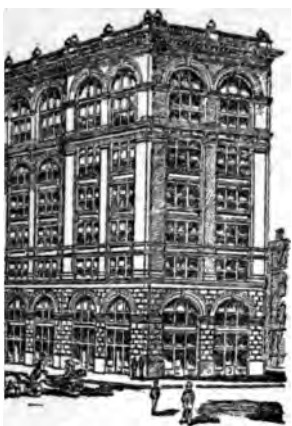
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with a historical sketch of the Library, and an account
of the exercises connected with the formal opening of
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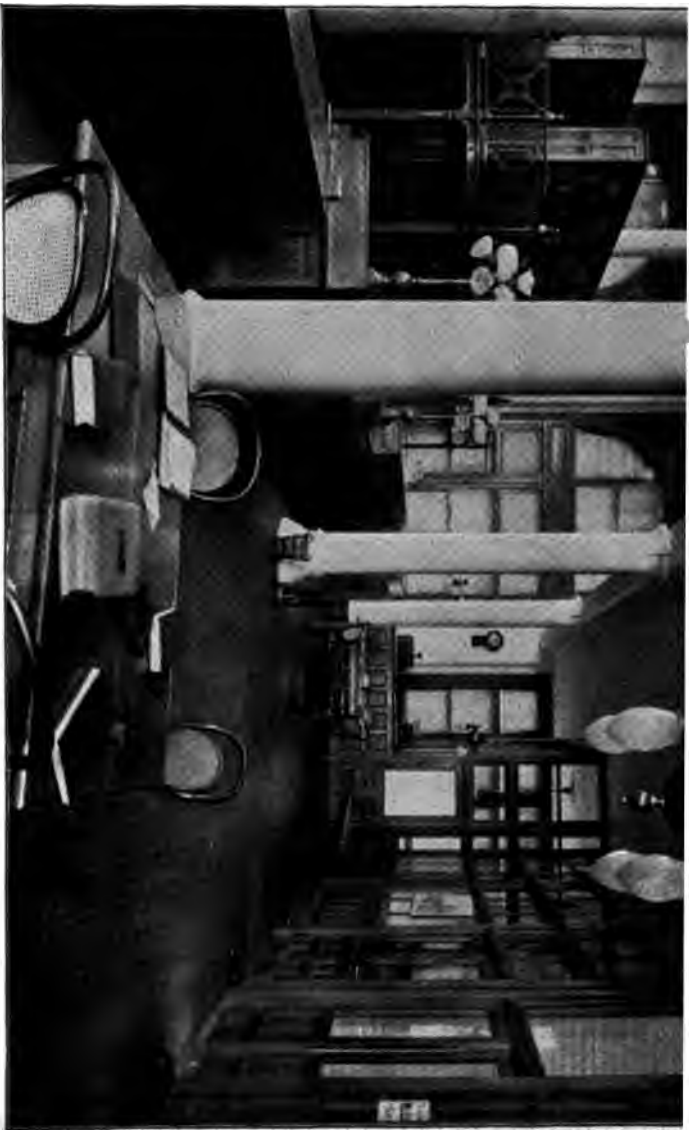
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FELLOW MEMBERS :



T devolves upon me to present for your consideration this evening the transactions of our Association for the past twelve months.

As this is the first annual meeting held in our new building, it is my pleasurable duty to welcome you to these spacious rooms.

After many years of thought, labor and agitation, we are at last domiciled in a home which is complete in its appointments, and we believe to be as nearly fire-proof as human skill and ingenuity can make it, and I therefore congratulate you upon our release from the danger of destruction which has for so many years threatened the treasures of our library.

With a shelving capacity estimated at over 700,000 volumes, we can now consider this as the permanent home of the Library.

As very full descriptions of the building have already been published, in connection with the formal opening exercises, we deem it unnecessary to attempt anything further here, but desire to say that in the interior arrangement of the Library it is our opinion that but little more could be desired, and, considered from the standpoint of utility, we think our rooms unexcelled.

At the date of the presentation of the last annual report the property of the Library had just been moved into the new building, and at that time it was impossible to say when the Library could be opened for business, not only by reason of the great amount of labor required in arranging our large collection, but also in consequence of the incomplete condition of the shelves.

By the energetic efforts of our Librarian, aided by the executive force under his control, the circulating department for home use was made ready and opened for use on Monday the 25th of May.

It was found impossible to get the reading room and reference department ready by that date, and a temporary reading room was improvised on the seventh floor.

This sufficed until the 31st of August, when the reading room and reference department on the sixth floor were ready and thrown open for use.

To those unfamiliar with library work and methods, but a small idea can be formed of the vast amount of labor and energy required to perform the work that has just been completed.

In the beginning it was necessary to find a building large enough to hold our collection of 230,000 volumes, which had to be so arranged that the work could go on and the use of the books continue while the new building was being erected.

At the end of a year's time the books had to be re-transported, re-arranged and shelved in the new building, upon a different plan from that which prevailed in the old building, and we believe there is no record where so large a collection of books was so economically and systematically handled and arranged in so short a space of time, as in this instance.

To our Librarian great credit is due for the conception of the necessary plans, and the energy displayed by himself and his assistants in successfully accomplishing so onerous a task.

The formal opening of the new Library building took place on the afternoon of November 9th, 1891, and the account of the exercises connected with this event will be published in an appendix to this report.

It was observed on this occasion that the visitors in their inspection of the Library rooms gave but little attention to any of the improved methods for library work.

That which seemed to give the most pleasure and attract the largest number of people, was the illustrated books. These observations determined your Board to name a day when all other business should be suspended and the illustrated books placed on exhibition and viewed at will.

The following invitation was issued early in February :

"You are cordially invited to attend the exhibition of the art and illustrated books contained in the Mercantile Library, Astor Place, on Wednesday, February 17th, 1892, from 1 until 10 o'clock, P. M."

In the reading room and in the main library room on the seventh floor, were placed tables sufficient to accommodate about 450 books, laid open. These books were selected from the classes of Painting, Engraving, Decoration, Design and Ornament, Costumes, Sculpture, Architecture, etc.

This exhibition proved to be exceedingly popular and successful. From the time of the opening until the closing hour the capacity of the rooms was taxed to its utmost.



BOOK STACK (SOUTH SIDE) AND DELIVERY DESK.

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This exhibition proved by the pleasure and delight it gave so many people, an unqualified success, and as we have received many requests for its repetition, it is the opinion of the Board of Direction that in order to popularize the Library and give our entire clientage opportunity to examine the treasures we possess, it will be wise to give similar entertainments once or twice in each year.

We are pleased to note that during the period the Library was open, our business shows an increase in all departments.

The total number of members on April 30th, 1891, was..	3,256
Active members added during the year..	212
Subscribing " " " " " " ..	1,190 1,402
Active members accounts closed.....	228
Subscribing " " " " " " ..	984 1,157
An increase during the year of.....	245
	3,501
Number of active members April 30th, 1892.....	1,022
" " subscribing " " " " ..	2,479
" " honorary " " " " ..	55
" " Editors using Library.....	19
Members of Clinton Hall Association.....	1,701
Total number of persons entitled to use the Library	
April 30th, 1892.....	5,276

The books circulated were issued as follows :

At the Library, Astor Place.....	85,848	vols.
At the Fifth Avenue branch.....	55,424	"
At the down-town branch.....	20,488	"
Total circulation.....	161,208	"

Five thousand five hundred and twenty-two volumes were delivered by messengers at members residences and places of business. Of this number 3,915 volumes were issued from the Fifth Avenue branch and 1,607 from the main Library.

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The classification of the circulation is as follows :

Theology.....	2,851	volumes,	1.77 / 100%
Mental and moral science	2,518	"	1.56 / 100%
Political science	3,595	"	2.28 / 100%
Literature	24,013	"	14.90 / 100%
History, geography and travels..	17,125	"	10.67 / 100%
Biography.....	10,114	"	6.28 / 100%
Mathematics.....	205	"	.18 / 100%
Natural science	2,110	"	1.31 / 100%
Medical science	760	"	.47 / 100%
Arts.....	4,665	"	2.89 / 100%
Fiction, English.....	82,464	"	51.15 / 100%
" French.....	7,258	"	4.50 / 100%
" German.....	3,441	"	2.18 / 100%
" Other foreign	94	"	.06 / 100%
	161,208	"	

CIRCULATION BY MONTHS.

May, (Library, Astor Place, closed until May 25)	8,289 vols.
June	14,891 "
July	11,848 "
August	8,580 "
September	9,860 "
October	12,793 "
November	13,452 "
December	15,597 "
January	16,834 "
February	16,170 "
March	18,397 "
April.....	15,753 "
	161,208 "

The average monthly circulation was 13,442 $\frac{1}{3}$ volumes. The largest circulation was in the month of March, and the smallest in May.

The average daily circulation during the period the Library was open was 565 $\frac{1}{2}$ volumes.

The largest number of books circulated in a single day was 1,013 volumes, on March 19th, and the smallest, 114 volumes, on November 3d.

The number of books issued in the reference department from August 31st to April 30th, was 24,562 volumes.

This does not include the use of the encyclopædias, dictionaries, and



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books of ready reference kept on the shelves of this department to which members have access.

Four thousand seven hundred and seventy-seven notices were sent to members to return books retained over time.

FINANCES.

The receipts of the Library for the year from all sources, was \$29,369.-43/100. The expenditures were \$26,998.59/100.

Our expenditures during the year for books, periodicals and binding, were \$5,192.08/100. Add to this amount \$4,896.56/100 expended by the Clinton Hall Association, makes the total expenditures for books, etc., \$10,088.64/100.

BOOKS.

There has been added during the year 6,364 volumes.

By purchase, 5,821 volumes.

By donation, 543 volumes.

The duplicate books sold, books lost and paid for, the imperfect books and those condemned on account of their soiled condition, numbers 1,032 volumes.

Deducting these books from the gross accessions our net increase for the year is 5,332 volumes, the total number of books in the Library on the 30th of April, 1892, being 239,793 volumes.

The soiled books were donated to the Charity Organization Society, for use in reformatory institutions, asylums, etc.

READING ROOM STATISTICS.

(The room was not opened for use until August 31st.)

	ATTEND- ANCE.	DAILY AVERAGES.
September	1,752	70
October	2,505	93
November	2,421	101
December	2,817	108
January	2,939	117 1/2
February	2,957	118 1/4
March	3,372	125
April	2,927	102 1/2
	<hr/> 21,690	<hr/> 106 1/4
Monthly average attendance	2,711	1/4
Daily " " (204 days)	106	1/4

The daily average attendance from 8.30 A. M. until 6 o'clock P. M. was eighty-eight (88), and in the evening from 6 to 9 o'clock, the average attendance was eighteen (18).

CATALOGUES AND READERS' AIDS.

Accession lists of the books added to the Library, Nos. 248 to 290 of the books in the English language, and Nos. 63 to 73 of the foreign books, in all 8,100 copies, were issued and given to readers free of charge.

The following additions have been made to our card catalogues :

To the main catalogue.....	5,889	Cards,	76	Guides.
To the reference department catalogue.	3,962	"	76	"
To the Fifth Ave. branch catalogue ...	2,578	"	40	"
To the Liberty St. branch catalogue ...	176	"	—	"
Total.....	12,550	"	192	"

Bulletin No. 13 containing the accessions to the Library from November 1889 to October 1891, was published in the month of December.

DONATIONS.

We are pleased to state that the number of books and pamphlets donated to the Library during the past year is largely in excess of the donations received for many years past.

These donations number 543 books and 770 pamphlets.

We take this opportunity to publicly extend our acknowledgments to the friends who have so kindly remembered us. For a list of the donations and the names of the donors, we refer you to the appendix attached to this report.

Our art department has been enriched by the addition of the portrait of Mr. Richard B. Brown, who was president of the Library from 1827 to 1831. Accompanying this gift was the following letter :

*"To the President and Directors of the Mercantile Library Association,
of New York :*

GENTLEMEN :

In accordance with the wish expressed in your favor of May last, I take pleasure in presenting the Library with the accompanying portrait of my father, the late Richard B. Brown, who was its president from the year 1827 to 1831. The portrait is the work of Charles Harris, and is considered by competent judges to reflect great credit upon the artist, while those who were acquainted with my father pronounce it an excellent likeness.



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I hope that it will remain for many years upon the walls of the Library in memory of the great pride which my father took in its growth and prosperity.

Respectfully,

CHARLOTTE M. BROWN.

November 2d, 1891.

142 E. 18th St., New York City."

Under instructions from the Board of Direction the president made a suitable acknowledgment of the gift.

This portrait now hangs on the walls of our reading room, and we especially desire to call the attention of the members thereto. Mr. Brown was the fourth president of the Association.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

We have to announce with deep regret the loss, by death, of one of our esteemed honorary members, Mr. Richard J. Dodge.

Mr. Dodge was a member of and subscriber to the Library for sixty years, and was a highly honored and successful merchant of this city.

The following is submitted by the committee appointed to examine the books and the property of the Association :

*To the President of the Board of Directors of the
Mercantile Library Association :*

SIR :

The committee appointed by your Board to examine the books and property of the Library have found their duties most gratifying, and in making their report—the first since the Association has been occupying its new home—have only commendation for what they have inspected.

The books were found well shelved, in clean condition, arranged so as to be readily accessible, with the light and ventilation admirable.

The reading room is in excellent order, the light in all parts of it bright and cheerful, making it a most attractive place for the student and consultor of books.

It is the belief of your committee that the Library and reading room easily stand first among the libraries of its kind in this country for light, ventilation, space and order and arrangement of its books and periodicals.

The Association is to be congratulated in at last having a proper domicile for its large collection of books where they may be quickly distributed

to its members. The Mercantile Library of New York can therefore take the rank it deserves among kindred institutions.

Now that the best of facilities for the circulation of its books and consultation of the valuable reference volumes are offered, it is earnestly to be hoped that the fact may be more widely known and availed of, not only by its present members and subscribers but by all others to whom the advantages of the Association would be a benefit and a pleasure.

ALEX. P. FISKE,
A. A. RAVEN,
A. W. SHERMAN,
G. C. CLARKE,
D. C. TIEBOUT.

New York, April 16th, 1892.

BRANCH LIBRARY, 426 FIFTH AVENUE.

Number of books circulated:

May.....	5,466	volumes.
June.....	5,485	"
July.....	3,103	"
August.....	1,168	"
September.....	2,499	"
October.....	4,316	"
November.....	4,678	"
December.....	5,616	"
January.....	5,760	"
February.....	5,801	"
March.....	6,207	"
April.....	5,325	"
Total circulation.....	54,424	"

An increase over the circulation of the previous twelve months of 2,493 volumes.

The average monthly circulation was 4,618 $\frac{2}{3}$ volumes.
 " " daily " " 195 $\frac{1}{7}$ "



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The classification of the circulation is as follows :

Theology	498	volumes.
Mental and moral science	480	"
Political science	581	"
Literature	3,575	"
History, geography and travel	3,558	"
Biography	2,802	"
Mathematics	14	"
Natural science	307	"
Medical science	148	"
Arts	451	"
Fiction, English	39,171	"
" French	2,622	"
" German	1,215	"
" Other foreign	7	"
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	54,424	"

This branch was closed from August 17th until August 29th.

The number of persons using this branch on April 30th, 1892, was 1,640.

Members and subscribers	1,302
Members of Clinton Hall	338
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	1,640

Two thousand two hundred and fifty notices were sent to members to return books retained over time.

DOWN TOWN BRANCH, 38 LIBERTY STREET.

The number of books issued from this branch during the year was 20,438 volumes, classified as follows:

Theology	126	volumes.
Mental and moral science	321	"
Political science	658	"
Literature	1,946	"
History, geography and travel	1,172	"
Biography	799	"
Mathematics	27	"
Natural science	136	"
Medical science	56	"
Arts	123	"
Fiction, English	13,929	"
" French	1,006	"
" German	140	"
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	20,488	"

This is a decrease from last year of 1,062 volumes and the smallest number of books distributed from this office in twenty-nine years.

Our lease of the premises at 33 Liberty Street, used for the past five years as the down-town branch, expired on the 1st of May, 1892.

By reason of a manufacturing business having been established in an adjoining room, our quarters became very undesirable, and in addition the general condition of the building had greatly deteriorated since we first took possession of the rooms.

If this branch was to be continued it was necessary that a new location should be selected.

In view of the great shrinkage that had taken place in the business of this branch, it became a question with your Board whether we were justified in continuing it.

The committee on branches was instructed to look into the subject and report if in any manner the cost of maintenance could be reduced and thereby obviate the necessity of closing the branch altogether.

The committee reported in favor of discontinuing the reading room features and of obtaining quarters at a reduced rent, and making it a station for the delivery and return of books only.

We recognized the fact that should this plan be carried out and the reading room of this branch be closed, a few members who had been accustomed to make use of it would be disappointed and displeased, but their number was small in comparison to the number who used the branch as a book delivery only, and while we deeply regretted the necessity of closing the reading room, we believed from an economic point of view we were studying the best interest of the Library in so doing.

The report of the committee was approved and space secured in the arcade of the Equitable building, 120 Broadway, for the delivery station.

Upon the announcement of this decision a petition was circulated among the members for signatures, requesting your Board to reconsider its action in abolishing the down-town reading room.

This petition was presented to your board at the April meeting, and the following reply was authorized to be sent to the petitioners :

MERCANTILE LIBRARY,
NEW YORK, April 16, 1892.

Messrs. JOHN W. EDWARDS, O. K. MOONEY,
GEO. W. JONES, J. P. REEVE.

GENTLEMEN :

In further reply to your communication of the 4th inst., accompanied by a petition signed by members of the Library, and others, I beg to say that both documents,



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as well as the letter of Mr. Jones of the 11 inst., were laid before the Board of Direction at its meeting held on the 13th inst., and the President was instructed to reply to the same.

The discontinuance of the reading room of the down-town branch of the Library is simply a business proposition, and has been decided upon only after mature deliberation with a view for conserving the best interests of the Library, and after every possible means known to the Board of Directors and the executive force of the Library had been exhausted, in endeavoring to make the receipts of that branch somewhat commensurate with its expenses.

Every possible inducement has been offered to increase the membership of the Library which would make use of that branch, and in so doing place it on a paying basis, but the result, as the figures will show, has not been very gratifying.

As an evidence that the Board of Direction has not been hasty in its decision in this matter, I beg to quote from the Annual Report of the Library for the year 1890-91: "The business of this (down-town) branch, we regret to say, continues to show a diminution each year. The yearly circulation of books which once reached 59,000 volumes has now become reduced to 21,500 volumes. Various causes have contributed to bring about this result. The two principal agents we think are: first, the distribution of our population over a larger and greatly extended area; and, second, the opening of libraries in the suburban towns, from whence this branch formerly drew a large part of its business."

These figures, I think, should convince you that the Board of Direction is fully justified in the action it has taken in proposing to eliminate some of the expenses of that branch of the Library.

But if this argument is not sufficiently convincing, other figures are at your disposal. For placing all the expenses of that branch upon the reading room, (for that seems to be the bone of contention), it costs the Library something over eighty dollars (\$80.00) per capita on the average per capita use of the reading room, per annum.

Now, as the average income is less than five dollars (\$5.00) per capita per annum, you can as business men recognize the fact that solely as a reading room it is not a success financially, and that it is eminently unfair and unjust to take the income from the other branch and from the main Library to support that branch.

For many years the down-town branch was simply used as a book delivery station, and had no reading room connected with it, and it was with the expectation of an increased membership, and consequently an increased revenue, that the Board decided to add the reading room, and with it the addition of chess and draught tables, for the pleasure and recreation of those whose business would permit them to use the room for these purposes; but this effort has proved an utter failure, and the Superintendent reports that not over a half dozen members have availed themselves of the opportunities offered, and at this writing the tables are seldom used for the purposes intended.

As you are unquestionably aware, the trend of population is up-town, and we are called upon to furnish books and reading matter to the residents of the more newly settled sections of the city, which are entirely without library facilities, and our resources will not permit us to do this at the present time, owing to the fact that the in-

come of the Library which could be devoted to this object, and which, if carried out, would undoubtedly largely increase its income, has been, to an extent, expended in attempting to support a branch which does not seem to enjoy the confidence of the down-town and suburban population.

Under these circumstances the Board of Direction feels that it is fully warranted in abolishing the reading room of the down-town branch, and do not consider they are taking any backward step in so doing, but, by eliminating this and other expenses, are preparing for a future usefulness of the Library among the residents of New York City, to which the past will bear no comparison.

The reading room is open only during the day, and it is impossible for any but a comparatively few merchants' clerks to take advantage of it, and while it is proposed to keep at the new location selected for the down-town delivery of books, a few of the daily newspapers for reference, there will not be sufficient space for a reading room.

However, I am authorized by the Board of Direction to make the following proposition, viz: If five hundred (500) persons will agree to each subscribe four (4) dollars per annum, for three successive years, in addition to the regular subscription to the Library, the Board will undertake to open and carry on such a room, and give the subscribers all the possible and necessary accommodations for culture and recreation.

As before stated, the Board of Direction has not taken this step without careful deliberation, as it is desirous of extending to every member of and subscriber to the Library all the privileges possible, and I can assure you it takes no pleasure in legislating against the wishes of any portion of its clientage, and it trusts and believes that, while a few will be deprived of some pleasure, the larger portion of the members will be greatly benefited by its decision.

Yours very truly,

CHAS. H. PATRICK,
President Mercantile Library Association.

Requests have reached us from residents of sections of our city which are without library facilities, to open branch libraries in these neighborhoods, and one of the questions with which the management will have to deal in the future will be the problem of the best way to reach the citizens of all parts of the City of New York who desire to avail themselves of the privileges of the Library.

Shall it be through branch libraries established in the different sections of our city, or by an improved system of delivering books at members residences, covering all parts of the city?

We are not prepared, nor have we the time here to treat this subject as it deserves, but in bringing it to your attention we trust it may have your serious consideration, and that whatever plan may be adopted it may redound



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to the benefit of our institution, and to this end we will be greatly pleased to have the experience, suggestions and advice of our members and subscribers.

The Library is no longer in a transition state; it now has a beautiful, commodious, safe and permanent abiding place; it offers larger and better attractions than any other circulating library in the country at a less proportionate expense; its books and other properties are constantly increasing in number and value, and we confidently look forward to a usefulness to which the past will bear but a slight comparison.

In behalf of the Board of Direction,

CHAS. H. PATRICK,
President.

NEW YORK, May 10th, 1892.

Seventy-First Annual Meeting.



THE seventy-first annual meeting of the Mercantile Library Association was held in the main Library room in the new building, on Tuesday evening, May 10th, 1892.

The President of the Association, Mr. Chas. H. Patrick, occupied the chair.

The Secretary read the minutes of the seventieth annual meeting, which on motion, were approved.

The report of W. D. Searls, Treasurer of the Association, was read, approved and ordered to be printed with the annual report.

The President read the seventy-first annual report of the association, being the transactions for the fiscal year, ending 30th of April, 1892.

The report was adopted and the usual number of copies ordered to be printed for the use of the members.

The following resolution was offered and unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That our thanks are due and are hereby tendered to the members of the Board of Direction for the efficient manner in which the affairs of the Library have been conducted during the past year.

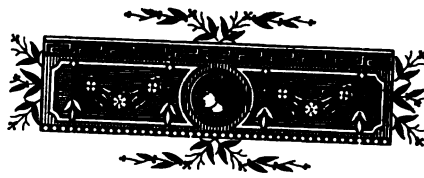
On motion the meeting adjourned.

A. WETMORE, JR.,
Secretary.



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[APPENDIX I.]

TREASURER'S REPORT OF THE MERCANTILE
LIBRARY ASSOCIATION,*For the Year ending April 30th, 1892.*

RECEIPTS.

Balance April 30, 1891.....	\$8,904 93	
Initiation fees	1,402 00	
Semi-annual dues.....	18,946 00	
Duplicate accounts	670 50	
Amount received for extra books and fines.....	8,084 73	
Catalogues.....	88 10	
Book delivery.....	230 70	
Duplicate books	112 38	
Interest.....	1,025 00	
Permanent catalogue fund interest.....	173 02	
Old paper.....	80 36	
Old fixtures.....	41 30	
Clinton Hall Association.....	4,660 46	
		<hr/> \$29,369 43

EXPENDITURES.

Books.....	\$1,784 67	
Periodicals	1,623 43	
Binding	2,144 14	
Fixtures.....	1,783 98	
Salaries	8,922 68	
Incidentals	662 29	
Liberty St. branch.....	2,451 97	
Fifth Avenue branch.....	3,663 99	
Stationery and printing	1,306 26	
Catalogue.....	880 00	
Book delivery.....	300 00	
Postage	146 57	
Janitor.....	50 00	
Advertising.....	381 72	
Moving expenses.....	123 14	
Expenses of formal opening of new building.....	669 75	
Balance Astor Place Bank, April 30, 1892	2,370 84	
		<hr/> \$29,369 43

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[APPENDIX II.]

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OF

M. C. D. BORDEN, TREASURER CLINTON HALL ASSOCIATION,

MAY 1892.

LIBRARY FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand May, 1891.....	\$186 36	
From building account.....	11,282 75	
		<u>\$11,469 11</u>

EXPENDITURES.

Library furniture.....	\$1,886 45	
Books.....	4,896 57	
Binding.....	1,028 09	
		<u>\$7,761 11</u>

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Fifth Avenue branch.....	\$2,200 00	
Down-town branch.....	475 00	
Clerical Services.....	600 00	
Carpenter work, 67 Fifth Avenue.....	75 63	
Half expenses dedicating services.....	857 87	
		<u>\$11,469 11</u>

BUILDING FUND.

RECEIPTS.

On hand May, 1891.....	\$100,685 73	
Astor Place Bank loan.....	30,000 00	
Receipts from rents.....	24,908 00	
		<u>\$155,588 73</u>

EXPENDITURES.

Interest.....	\$12,000 00	
Insurance.....	464 72	
Coal.....	3,170 57	
Gas.....	562 72	
Expense and supply account.....	9,786 51	
		<u>\$25,984 52</u>
Mercantile Library fund.....	11,282 75	
New building.....	111,342 22	
		<u>148,559 49</u>
Cash in bank.....	7,029 24	
		<u>\$155,588 73</u>
Cost of building.....	\$495,972 59	

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LIABILITIES.

Bond and mortgage.....	\$275,000 00	
Loan.....	80,000 00	
Insurance on building.....	\$400,000 00	
Insurance on books, etc.....	66,671 86	
		<u>\$466,671 86</u>

BOOKS ADDED DURING THE YEAR.

On Theology.....	63
" Mental and moral science.....	29
" Political science.....	113
" Literature.....	210
" History, geography and travels	262
" Biography.....	165
" Mathematics.....	1
" Natural science	43
" Medical science.....	11
" Art.....	68
" Fiction	1,431
	<u>2,396</u>
Total.....	2,396
Previous purchases.....	66,530
	<u>68,926</u>
Total number added.....	68,926

The taxes assessed by the Commissioners of Taxes for the year 1891 having been deemed excessive, are being contested, and therefore have not yet been paid.

May 17th, 1892.

M. C. D. BORDEN,
Treasurer Clinton Hall Association.

[APPENDIX III.]

BOOK ACCOUNT.

Number of volumes April 30th, 1891.....	234,461
“ “ added this year by purchase.....	5,821
“ “ “ “ by donation.....	548
	<u>6,364</u>
English books added.....	5,776
French “ “.....	868
German “ “.....	217
Other foreign books added.....	8
	<u>6,364</u>
Folio and quarto.....	572
Octavo.....	1,504
Duodecimo, etc.....	4,288
	<u>6,364</u>
On Theology.....	169
“ Mental and moral science.....	110
“ Political science.....	898
“ Natural science.....	150
“ Literature.....	778
“ History, geography and travels.....	748
“ Biography.....	417
“ Mathematics.....	2
“ Medicine.....	58
“ Arts.....	265
“ English fiction.....	2,891
“ French “.....	241
“ German “.....	137
	<u>6,364</u>
Less surplus and imperfect books sold.....	1,082
	<u>5,382</u>
Total number of volumes April 30th, 1892.....	239,793
Books added by Clinton Hall Association.....	2,396 vols.
Pamphlets added.....	729
Periodicals bound.....	575 vols.
Number of volumes at the up-town branch April 30, 1891.....	20,979 “
Added this year.....	1,860 “
	<u>22,839 “</u>
Total number April 30, 1892.....	22,839 “



LIBRARIAN'S ROOM - WESTERLY END.

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[APPENDIX IV.]

BINDING.

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	NEW BOOKS.				Total.	Duck.	Half Morocco.	OLD BOOKS.				Grand Total.
	Half Morocco.	Duck.	Half Roan.	Cloth.				Cloth.	Re-cased.	Total.		
1891—May	—	—	—	15	15	—	—	—	—	—	—	15
June	—	29	—	134	163	6	—	61	18	85	85	248
July	—	118	1	187	306	8	—	88	23	114	114	420
August	—	76	4	67	147	4	—	46	7	57	57	204
September ..	1	55	1	118	175	—	—	159	19	178	178	353
October	—	23	1	194	218	5	5	195	35	240	240	458
November ..	—	29	—	117	146	8	—	51	12	66	66	212
December ..	—	64	—	107	171	4	—	89	29	122	122	298
1892—January	—	135	—	98	238	14	—	74	28	116	116	344
February	5	19	1	58	83	32	2	184	46	214	214	297
March	3	55	—	120	178	12	—	188	27	177	177	355
April	—	33	1	103	137	6	—	67	23	96	96	238
Total	9	636	9	1,818	1,967	94	7	1,097	267	1,465	1,465	8,482

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[APPENDIX V.]

LIST OF DONORS

TO THE

MERCANTILE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION.

For the Year ending April 30, 1892.

	VOLS.	PAM.
Abbott, Austin.....	2	
Albany, N. Y., Albany Medical College.....		2
Allen, Mrs. L. M.....	1	
American Pharmaceutical Association.....	1	
" Society of Microscopists.....		1
Andover, Mass., Theological Seminary.....		1
Arnoux, William H.....		1
Avery, Sam. P.....	1	
Baltimore, Md., Enoch Pratt Free Library.....		2
" Johns Hopkins University.....		16
" Peabody Institute.....		2
Barker, Mrs. Fordyce.....	9	
Berkeley, Cal., University of California.....		2
Binnsse, A. V.....	2	
Birdsall, W. R., M. D.....		1
Bispham, William.....	1	
Boston, Mass., Public Library.....		1
Bourinot, John George, Ottawa, Can.....	1	
Bremer, L., M. D., St. Louis, Mo.....		1
Bridgeport, Conn., Public Library.....		2
Brookline, Mass., Public Library.....		1
Brooklyn, N. Y., Board of Education.....	1	
" Brooklyn Library.....		2
" Department of Health.....		53
" Pratt Institute.....		2
Brown, D. Walter.....	1	
Brun, Charles.....	1	
Brunswick, Me., Bowdoin College.....		1
Buenos Aires, Biblioteca Nacional.....	7	
Buffalo, N. Y., Buffalo Historical Society.....		2
" " Library.....		1
Cady, Mrs. Ellen D. & Mrs. Susan Train Gulager.....	1	
Cambridge, Mass., Harvard University.....	1	7
Chelsea, Mass., Fitz Public Library.....		2
Chicago, Ill., Board of Trade.....	1	
" Newberry Library.....		1
" Public Library.....		25
" World's Columbian Exposition, Department of Publicity and Promotion.....		A number of leaflets, and
Cincinnati, O., Chamber of Commerce.....	1	
" Mercantile Library Association.....		1
" Public Library.....	2	6
Cleveland, O., Public Library.....		1

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	VOLS.	PAM.
College Hill, Mass., Tufts College.....		1
Cook & Son, Thomas.....	1.	
Cutter, Charles A., Boston, Mass.....	1	
Dalton, Joseph G., Boston, Mass.....	1	
Denver, Col., Public Library.....	1	8
Detroit, Mich., Public Library.....		4
De Vinne & Co., Theodore L.....	1	
Elhret, George.....	1	
Ellis, John, M. D., Edgewater, Bergen Co., N. J.....		1
Fall River, Mass., Public Library.....		1
Ferris Bros., Philadelphia, Pa.....		3
Foster, Rev. J. M., Boston, Mass.....	1	
Funk & Wagnalls.....	1	
Germantown, Pa., Friends' Free Library and Reading Room.....		2
Gerry, Elbridge T.....		1
Gibson, Joseph W.....	4	
Gloversville, N. Y., Free Library.....		1
Grand Rapids, Mich., Public Library.....		1
Green, Samuel Swett, Worcester, Mass.....		1
Griffis, William Elliot, D. D., Boston, Mass.....		1
Grote, F. & Co.....		4
Guernsey, Engl., Guille-Allès Library and Museum.....	1	
Halsey, F. W.....	1	
Handsworth, Engl., Public Library.....		1
Hartford, Conn., Connecticut Historical Society.....		1
" " Hartford Library Association.....		4
" " " Theological Seminary.....		2
" " Steam Boiler Inspection and Insurance Co.....	1	
" " Trinity College.....		2
" " United Insurance Corporations.....	1	
Hartley, Jonathan Scott.....	1	
Hill, Nathaniel P., Colorado Springs, Col.....	1	
Hoboken, N. J., Free Public Library.....		1
How, Lucius W.....	1	
Indianapolis, Ind., Indiana Commandery M. O. L. L. U. S.....		1
Ingersoll, Edward., Philadelphia, Pa.....	1	
Ithaca, N. Y., Cornell University.....		3
Jay, John (Hon.) Katonah, N. Y.....		1
Jersey City, N. J., Free Public Library.....	1	5
Judiciary Centennial Committee. Publication Committee.....	1	
Knight, George H.....		2
Kohler, Kaufmann (Rev. Dr.).....		1
Lawrence, Mass., Public Library.....		5
Lewis, F. Park, M. D., Buffalo, N. Y.....		1
Liverpool, Engl., Free Public Library. Museum, and Walker Art Gallery.....		2
Logan, Walter S.....		2
London, Engl., Diplomatic Review.....		38
" " Howard Association.....	1	
" " Society for Psychical Research.....		1
" " Society of Arts.....	1	
Lynn, Mass., Public Library.....		1
McCook, Anson G. (Hon.).....	32	
Manchester, Engl., Public Free Libraries.....		1
Manchester, N. H., City Library.....		1

	VOLS.	PAM.
Marshall, Chas. C.....	3	
Massachusetts, State of, Bureau of Statistics of Labor.....	2	
" " State Library.....	1	
Milwaukee, Wis., Public Library.....	6	
Minneapolis, Minn., Public Library.....		1
Monmouth, Ill., Warren County Library Association.....		2
Montreal, Can., Royal Society of Canada.....	1	
Montt, Pedro; Washington, D. C.....		1
Nagle, John T., M. D.....		1
National Civil Service Reform League.....	1	1
National Eclectic Medical Association.....	8	
Neimyer, W. G., Chicago, Ill.....	1	
New Bedford, Mass., Free Public Library.....		1
New Haven, Conn., Yale University.....		3
" " " Observatory.....		1
New Jersey, State of, Adjutant-General.....	1	
" " " Inspector of Factories and Workshops.....	1	
" " " State Geologist.....	2	
" " " State Library.....	2	
" " " State Treasurer.....	1	
New Orleans, La., Howard Memorial Library.....		1
New York, State of, Board of Railroad Commissioners.....	15	
" " " Bureau of Statistics of Labor.....	2	
" " " Chamber of Commerce.....	1	
" " " Civil Service Commission.....	1	
" " " Secretary of State.....	4	
" " " State Board of Charities.....		1
" " " State Library.....		5
" " " State Reformatory at Elmira, N. Y.....	1	1
" " " State Reservation at Niagara.....		1
New York, City of, Board of Education.....	4	
" " " " Electrical Control.....		3
" " " " Police Justices.....	1	
" " " Common Council.....	5	
" " " Department of Public Parks. Central Park Menagerie.....		1
" " " Department of Public Parks, Meteorological Observatory.....		13
" " " Health Department.....	3	
New York, Actors' Fund of America.....		1
" " American Bible Society.....		39
" " " Home Missionary Society.....		1
" " " Institute.....		1
" " " Museum of Natural History.....	3	22
" " " Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.....		1
" " Apprentices' Library.....		1
" " Astor Library.....		1
" " Charity Organization Society.....	1	
" " Childrens' Aid Society.....		1
" " City Reform Club.....		2
" " College of the City of New York.....		1
" " Cooper Union.....		2
" " Deutsche Poliklinik.....		1
" " Eclectical Medical College.....		1

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	VOLS.	PAM.
New York, Free Circulating Library.....		2
" " General Society of Mechanics and Tradesmen.....	1	1
" " German Society of the City of New York.....		1
" " Harvard Club.....	1	
" " Holland Society of New York.....	1	
" " Hospital Book and Newspaper Society.....		1
" " Huguenot Society of America.....	1	1
" " Isabella Helmath.....		1
" " Lenox Library.....		1
" " Manhattan Eye and Ear Hospital.....		1
" " Maritime Association of the Port of New York.....		1
" " Mechanics' and Traders' Exchange.....		1
" " New York Academy of Sciences.....		4
" " " Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor.....		1
" " " College of Veterinary Surgeons.....		1
" " " Dispensary.....		1
" " " Hospital and Bloomingdale Asylum.....		1
" " " Mathematical Society.....		1
" " " Medical College and Hospital for Women... ..		1
" " " Post-Graduate Medical School and Hospital..		1
" " " Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children.....		1
" " " " Society of Sons of the Revolution.....	1	
" " Nicaragua Canal Construction Company.....	1	
" " Produce Exchange.....	1	
" " Railroad Men's Library.....		1
" " Roosevelt Hospital.....		2
" " Scientific Alliance.....		1
" " Sheltering Arms.....		1
" " Society for the Reformation of Juvenile Delinquents..		1
" " Society Library.....		1
" " Sunday School Union of the Methodist Episcopal Church		1
" " Thirteen Club.....		2
" " Typothetæ.....		1
" " Union League Club.....	1	
" " Veteran Volunteer Publishing Company.....	1	
" " Woman's Medical College of the New York Infirmary.		1
" " Young Men's Christian Association.....		1
New York State Pharmaceutical Association.....	1	
Newark, N. J., Free Public Library.....		1
Newport, R. I., Redwood Library and Athenæum.....		1
Newton, Mass., Free Library.....		2
Ninomiya, E.....		1
Oberlin, O., Oberlin College.....		1
Omaha, Neb., Public Library.....		1
Oppenheim, Samuel.....	1	
Palo Alto, Cal., Leland Stanford Junior University.....		6
Paterson, N. J., Free Public Library.....		2
Perry, Mrs. B. F., Greenville, So. Ca.....	1	
Philadelphia, Pa., Academy of Natural Sciences.....		1
" " " " " Bacteriological Laboratory.....		1
" " " " " Alumni Association of the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy.....		1

	VOLS.	PAM.
Philadelphia, Pa., Apprentices' Library Company.....		1
" " Drexel Institute of Art, Science and Industry..		1
" " Friends' Book Store.....		1
" " Library Company.....		2
" " Mercantile Library Company.....	1	4
" " Philadelphia Times.....		1
" " State Penitentiary for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.....		2
" " Swedenborg Publishing Association.....		1
Pinckney, Thomas.....	1	
Pitman & Sons, Isaac.....	6	
Pratt, Mrs. Charles, Brooklyn, N. Y.....	1	
Providence, R. I., Brown University.....		1
" " Public Library.....		1
" " Rhode Island Historical Society.....		1
Putnam's Sons, G. P.....	3	
Queens County Agricultural Society.....		1
Quincy, Mass., Thomas Crane Public Library.....		1
Roberts, Milton Josiah, M. D.....		1
Rochester, N. Y., Academy of Science.....		1
" " University of Rochester.....		1
Rodenbough, Theo. Francis (General).....	1	
Rydl, Henry.....	1	
St. Joseph, Mo., Free Public Library.....		1
St. Louis, Mo., Mercantile Library.....	1	
" " Public Library.....		1
St. Paul, Minn., Minnesota Historical Society.....	1	1
Salem, Mass., Essex Institute.....		5
" " Public Library.....		1
San Francisco, Cal., Free Public Library.....	1	
" " St. Ignatius College.....		1
Santa Clara, Cal., Santa Clara College.....		1
Savage, M. F., one framed plan of New York City of 1851.....		
Sawin, James M., Providence, R. I.....		1
Scranton, Pa., Public Library.....		1
Simms, Joseph, M. D., San Francisco, Cal.....		1
Sinrock, Joseph, M. D.....	5	
" Sixtus.....	1	
Springfield, Mass., City Library Association.....		1
Stearns, J. N.....		2
Stetson, Augusta E., Rev.....	5	2
Stevens, Simon.....		1
Swansea, Engl., Public Library and Gallery of Art.....		1
Swift, Morrison, I., Ravenna, O.....	1	
Taunton, Mass., Public Library.....		3
Tokyo, Japan, Tokyo Library.....		2
Toledo, O., Public Library.....		1
Toronto, Can., Public Library.....		1
Tucker, Willis G., M.D., Ph.D., Albany, N. Y.....		3
United States, Board on Geographical Names.....		2
" Civil Service Commission.....	3	1
" Department of Agriculture.....	2	22
" " " Division of Entomology..		4
" " " Weather Bureau.....	1	
" Department of Labor.....	3	

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	VOLS.	PAM.
United States, Department of State.....	5	18
" " " Bureau of the American Republics.....	9	26
" Department of the Interior.....	189	26
" " " Bureau of Education....	4	1
" " " Census Office.....		168
" " " Patent Office.....	25	
" " " Pension Office.....		1
Department of the Navy, Hydrographic Office.....	1	
" " " Naval Observatory.....	3	
" " " Office of Naval Intelligence.....	1	
Department of the Treasury.....	1	
" " " Bureau of Statistics.....	1	5
" " " Coast and Geodetic Survey.....	2	1
" " " Compt'r of the Currency.....	1	
" " " Life Saving Service.....	1	
" " " Light House Board.....	1	
Department of War.....		4
" " " Chief of Engineers.....	10	
" " " Chief of Ordnance.....	1	
" " " Chief Signal Office.....	2	2
" " " Surgeon-General's Office.....	1	
Unknown friends.....	3	4
Waldron, Hampden, Brooklyn, N. Y.....	16	
Washington, D. C., American Colonization Society.....		2
" Georgetown University.....		1
" Smithsonian Institution.....	4	6
Waterhouse, S., St. Louis, Mo.....		2
Webster, Sidney.....	186	
Worcester, Mass., Free Public Library.....		2
Young Men's Christian Associations of the State of New York.....		1
" " " United States and Dominion of Canada.....		1

[APPENDIX VII.]

HISTORICAL SKETCH OF THE LIBRARY.



IN THE morning of November 3, 1820, Wm. Wood, Esq., posted on the bulletin board of the *Commercial Advertiser*, the following:

"NOTICE TO MERCHANTS' CLERKS AND APPRENTICES.

Those young gentlemen who are disposed to form a Mercantile Library and evening reading room, are desired to attend a meeting for that purpose at the Tontine Coffee House, on Thursday evening next, at 7 o'clock, when a plan of a Library and Association will be presented for their consideration. The young men of South Street, Front, Water, Pearl, Maiden Lane and Broadway, are particularly desired to attend."

This meeting was held on Thursday, November 9, 1820, and thus was started the Mercantile Library Association. On Nov. 27 a constitution was adopted, and Lucius Bull was elected the first president. By the constitution the control of the library was placed in the hands of merchants' clerks; they alone were permitted to vote and hold office. This provision has been continued up to the present time. While all persons of good character may become members of the Library, merchants' clerks only have a voice in the management. The Library was opened on the 12th of February, 1821, at 49 Fulton street, with 150 members. The library quarters consisted of one room, and the opening found the association in the possession of about 700 volumes of books, most of which had been donated. At the end of the first year the books had increased to 1,000 volumes, and the membership to 175.

In 1826 the Library had 6,000 volumes, and was removed to more spacious quarters in the building of Messrs. Harper & Bros., in Cliff street. In the year 1827 the association gave a course of ten lectures on commercial law; Seth E. Staples was selected as the lecturer. The success of these lectures induced the management to establish a lecture department, and from this time, up to the year 1875, every winter a course of from ten to twelve lectures were delivered under the Library auspices.

In 1828 the signs of public favor were such that the idea was conceived to solicit subscriptions to erect a building for the rapidly accumulating library, and wherein the lectures could be given, and other educational efforts successfully carried out. A meeting of citizens was called, and met in the Library room in Cliff street.



WILLIAM WOOD

**ORIGINATOR OF THE MERCANTILE LIBRARY, NEW YORK.
BORN IN CHARLESTOWN, MASS., IN 1777. DIED
IN CANANDAIGUA, NEW YORK, IN 1857.**

A separate organization was effected among the merchants for the purpose of building and holding a suitable structure for the use of the Mercantile Library. This organization was named the Clinton Hall Association. In the course of the year \$33,500 was raised. The new building was erected on the corner of Nassau and Beekman streets (now the site of Temple Court and the Nassau Bank), and was dedicated under the name of Clinton Hall, on Nov. 2, 1830. The cost of building and land was about \$55,000.

The Clinton Hall Association acts as trustees for the Library, and all surplus revenues derived from this estate go to the Library for the purchase of books, etc. The money for the erection of the building was obtained by issuing stock at the par value of \$100. The Clinton Hall stock-holders are entitled to all the privileges of membership of the Mercantile Library.

In 1838 a class department was organized, and for many years instruction was given in bookkeeping, drawing, mathematics, penmanship, and the various languages.

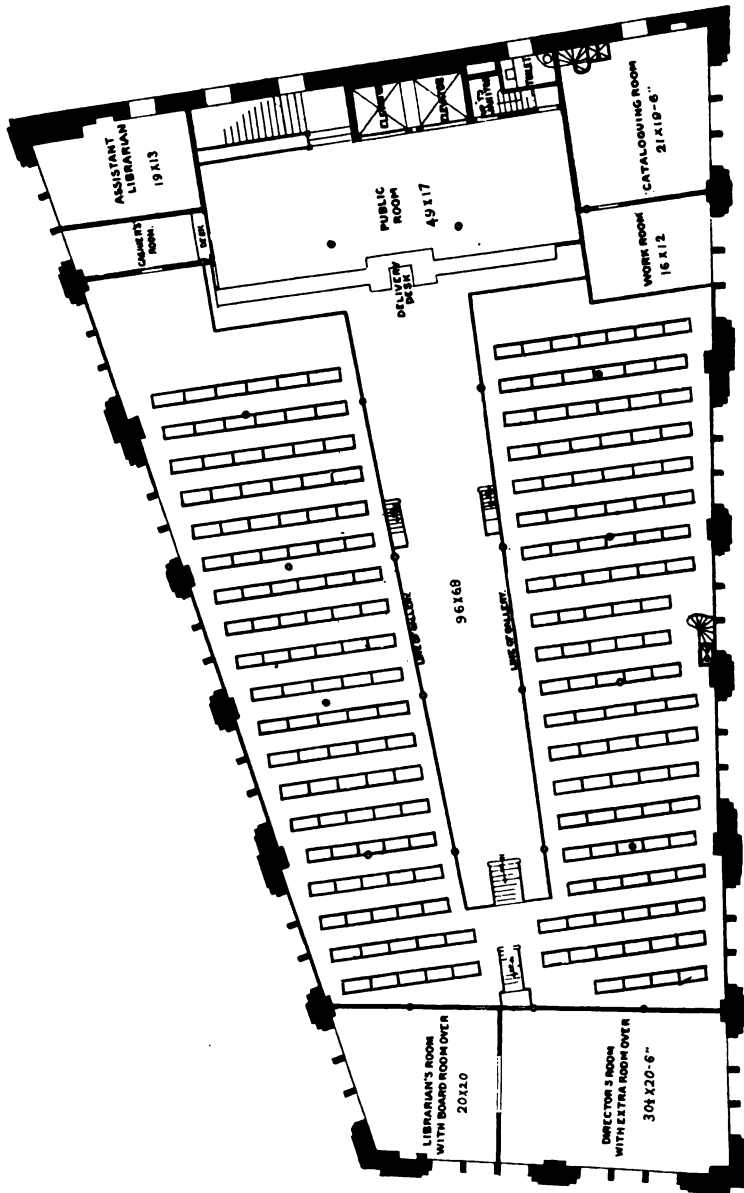
Twenty years after the dedication of the building corner of Beekman and Nassau streets, the Library had outgrown the accommodation, and the site was considered too far down-town by the migration of the people northward. Agitation for a new building further up-town was now commenced. After a long and bitter contest between two factions, one favoring removal up-town, and the other opposing, the Astor Place Opera House (which had been the scene in 1849 of the conflict between the friends of the rival actors, Edwin Forrest and Charles Macready) was purchased. The cost of this building was \$140,000. About \$115,000 more was expended in adapting it for the purpose of the Library.

The association took possession and moved the books into the building in April, 1854.

At this time the Library possessed 43,000 volumes, and the capacity of the building was estimated at 120,000 volumes.

After an occupancy of 36 years, and when the allotted room for books had for many years been crowded and every available spot utilized, and the development of the Library greatly retarded for want of room, this building was vacated in April, 1890, in order that it might be demolished, and the new building which now occupies the site, erected. For one year the Library occupied temporary quarters at 67 Fifth Avenue, and returned to its new home in April, 1891. The first load of books was taken into the new building on the morning of April 16, 1891.

This building is a fire-proof structure of buff brick and red sandstone



PLAN OF THE CIRCULATING DEPARTMENT FOR HOME USE.

seven stories high. It has a frontage on three streets as follows: 159 feet on Eighth street, 149 feet on Astor Place, and 52 feet on Lafayette Place. The width of the building on the end overlooking Broadway, is 98 feet. The Library quarters are on the sixth and seventh floors, and are reached by two steam elevators.

The circulating department for home use is on the seventh floor. On this floor are also the catalogue department, work rooms, the directors' room and the librarian's office. The book room for the storage of books, is considered one of the finest, if not the best, room for its purpose in the country.

In addition to having light on all sides, it has a skylight occupying two-thirds of the roof space. The height from the floor to the skylight is 25 feet. The full storage capacity is 475,000 volumes. At present it has a book-stack two tiers high, each tier being seven feet in height and so arranged that a third tier of seven feet can be added when required. This book-stack is fitted with adjustable shelves, the supports being the latest and most improved pattern. The bookcases are double, and the width from face to face is 18 inches. The distance between the cases is three feet. No book is beyond the reach of the attendant standing on the floor or on the gallery.

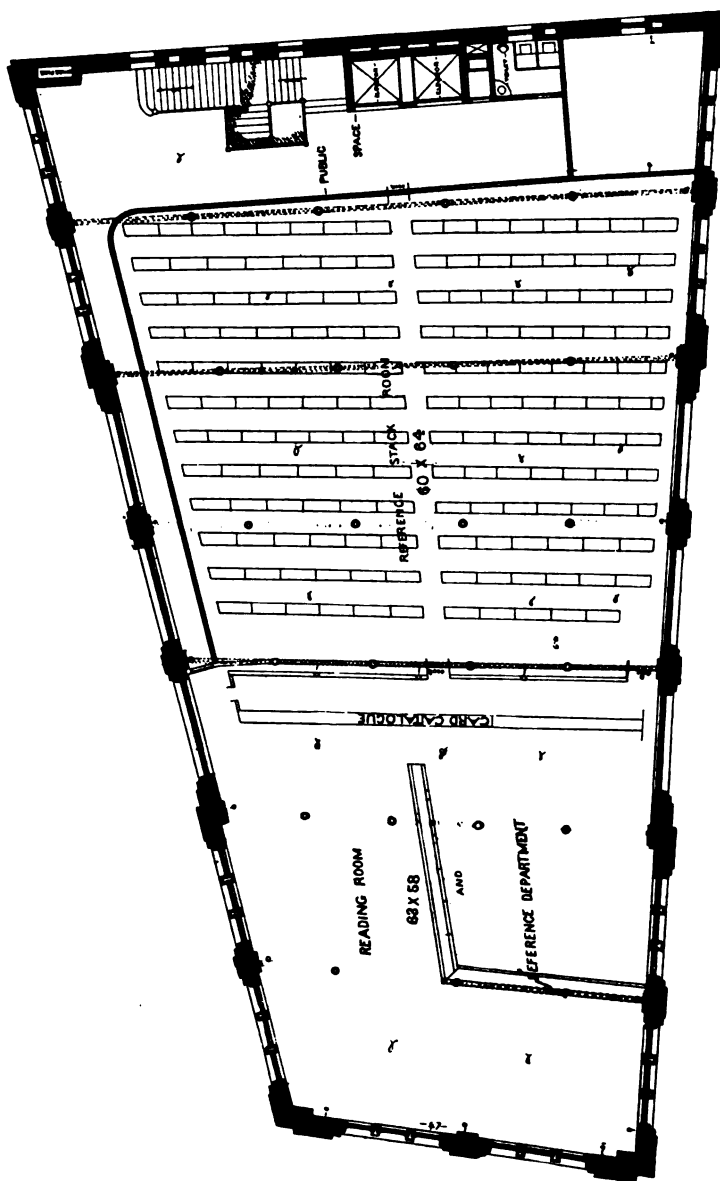
The stairs and flooring of the stack are made of iron. In this room is also the principal card catalogue. The cards of this catalogue are contained in two cases of beautiful polished oak, each case having 33 drawers. The arrangement or plan is in three divisions. The first division contains the author and title cards arranged alphabetically in one alphabet.

The second division consists of the subject entries arranged alphabetically by subjects and classes. The third division is entirely fiction, arranged under the name of the author, and the title of the book in one alphabet. Here also may be found the printed catalogues, which can be consulted with ease and comfort sitting at tables arranged for the purpose, with order blanks on either end and within easy reach.

On the sixth floor is the reading-room and the department for reference and study. This room is on the east end of the building overlooking the square bounded by Lafayette Place, Fourth Avenue, Astor Place and Eighth street. It is open to light and air on three sides. Its length is 64 feet, its width at one end 64 feet, and at the other 47 feet.

This room has been arranged specially for the convenience and comfort of readers and students. The floor is covered with a cork carpet, rendering

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PLAN OF THE READING ROOM AND REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

movement across it noiseless. It is furnished with arm chairs made of oak and upholstered in leather. In the centre of the room is a case with compartments for 600 newspapers and magazines. Each one of these compartments has the name, in gold letters, of the periodical it contains. No hand files of any kind are in use.

The current numbers of periodicals only are kept in this case, but the back numbers are immediately behind the superintendent's desk, and can be had on application. At the back of the periodical case are shelves which contain the works of ready reference, such as the various encyclopædias, dictionaries, books of statistics, etc., for the free use of the members, without being compelled to write an order for them.

The room has numerous tables of convenient size, made specially for the Library. Students and readers wishing to order books for reference can do so without leaving their chairs, as each table is furnished with a compartment which contains blank orders. These tables also have drawers on either side wherein is found paper for use of members.

Immediately in the rear of the reading room is the storage room for the books belonging to the reference department. The storage capacity of this room is for 140,000 volumes. At present it contains about 50,000 volumes, principally the documents of the national and state governments and bound volumes of newspapers and magazines. The Library is lighted throughout with electricity.



APPENDIX VI.

FORMAL OPENING OF THE NEW LIBRARY BUILDING,

NOVEMBER 9, 1891.



HE exercises connected with the formal opening of the new Mercantile Library Building took place in Clinton Hall, Astor Place, at 3.30 o'clock, in the afternoon of November 9, 1891, the day being the 71st anniversary of the founding of the institution. The occasion brought together a congenial company of men and women, and the short speeches made were peculiarly interesting, because of the prominence of the speakers and the reminiscences with which their remarks abounded. The people assembled on the seventh floor, and camp-stools were provided for them in the open space dividing the rows of shelves on the north and south sides of the room, the platform being at the eastern end and an orchestra at the western end.

The guests were received by the trustees of the Clinton Hall Association, Isaac H. Bailey, M. C. D. Borden, Cornelius N. Bliss, Daniel F. Appleton, Charles H. Isham, J. Seaver Page, Henry A. Oakley, and the directors of the Mercantile Library, Chas. H. Patrick, Chas. Wager Hull, Alex. M. Eagleston, T. S. Rumney, W. D. Searls, A. Wetmore, Jr., J. L. Graham, F. A. Sandland, James Magee, A. H. Timpson, John Byers, Chas. H. Lyon, and the Librarian, W. T. Peoples.

Isaac H. Bailey, President of the Board of Trustees of the Clinton Hall Association, presided. Near him were seated Bishop Potter, Abram S. Hewitt, Samuel Sloan, John Bigelow, Rev. Dr. Robert Collyer, Col. Elliott F. Shepard, ex-Judge Henry Hilton, Col. Richard Lathers, Rev. Dr. E. C. Bolles, and Rev. Dr. Chas. F. Deems. Letters of regret were received from Vice-President Levi P. Morton, Governor-elect R. P. Flower and others.

Mr. Bailey outlined briefly the history of the organization from its humble origin to its present successful operation, and introduced as the first speaker, the Rev. Dr. Bolles, of the Third Universalist Church. Dr. Bolles was followed by Bishop Potter, who said:

Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen : It is a matter of sincere congratulation that an institution which has made so noble a record should be established to-day in this ample and appropriate home, and I congratulate the trustees upon its successful completion. The interest with which some



"TRUTH,"

BY J. MOSIER. Presented to the Library by Henry A. Stowe.

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of us look upon it springs not alone from our appreciation of its great and good work, but also, may I be permitted to say, from that feeling of neighborhood which makes us glad to retain just here a library which we believe to be so appropriately placed. I may be supposed to be speaking selfishly in this, since my official residence is only a few doors away, but I have something more in mind. In London, you are aware, there is what is known as Pater Noster Row, which in a very special sense may be called the home of letters, the great centre of printing and publishing establishments, whose presses never rest, and from which as from no other spot in all the world, perhaps, do there go forth so many potent intellectual influences. It is so, in a very large sense, right about us here. Within a few steps from the spot on which we are gathered may be found a score or more of printing and publishing establishments, and behind them able brains and large plans for the wider diffusion of letters. But is it not for the diffusion of letters that this library exists, and is it not right here, therefore, in its appropriate home? for it is both convenient to the source of book-making and in its own particular case to the consumer. It was suggested, as you know, that the library should be removed to the northward and find some more fashionable and conspicuous site. I am sincerely glad that the proposition was disregarded. * * * The constituency of the Mercantile Library is probably more largely here than anywhere else. Right around it here in the hotels, the boarding-houses and the modest homes, are to be found the young men whose commercial success may one day win for them magnificent residences on Fifth Avenue, but whose convenience would certainly not be served at present by an up-town library.

In congratulating them, and you, Mr. President, and your association on this noble finished result, I do so with a personal interest and affection which is very strong. I shall always remember that I was myself once a merchant's clerk. I shall never cease to be thankful for the training as preparing me for other, and as it would seem at the first view, most alien tasks, which I received as a merchant's clerk in a counting room. When I left it I remember expressing my regret to the rare man and noble merchant who had been my employer, that having determined to enter the ministry, I should have lost valuable years in preparing myself for a commercial career. He said to me at once: "I think before you are done you will find yourself mistaken, and will discover that the years spent within these walls as a merchant's clerk have been no unworthy part of your training." He was a true prophet, not alone in regard to what he had in mind, but, let me add, in re-

gard to the value of a commercial training as developing other tastes than those immediately connected with its own interests. I found myself turning, when fagged with a day in the office or warehouse, before I had reached the age of twenty years, to the refreshment of books, and it was to the Mercantile Library of Philadelphia that I owed at that time many privileges, which I desire here gratefully to acknowledge.

Indeed, ladies and gentlemen, we cannot satisfy the imagination, the poetic instinct, the love of narrative, the interest in history, by giving a young man a ledger and a day book. It is commonly supposed that mercantile occupations and literature are far apart, but Charles Lamb was a clerk in the East India Company, and if I were to read you the list of eminent men in letters who have been clerks in our own Custom-Houses, one or two of whom are there to-day, I think it would surprise you. Yet it ought not to do so, for the charm of life is in its contrasts, and there are few of us who do not crave them, however engrossing our task. To have the mind lifted out of its narrow range, to have the vision enlarged, to see an ideal world, to have the imagination touched by the image of great deeds and great personalities, to realize that the world of thought is yours amid the world of things, this, thank God, is not alone the privilege of the scholar and the sage, but belongs to every one who loves a book and will read it, who makes for himself friends from these shelves, and who will have the advantage, when he is tired of them, which is not his when he communes with other friends, that he can shut them up! Accept, then, Mr. President, for yourself, your association and the large and interesting constituency which you represent, my hearty congratulations. I rejoice to anticipate the enlarged influences for good that these enlarged privileges will bring to many lives, and I hope that the beneficence of wealthy merchants will enable you still to add to them. Next to the power to read stands often the need of guidance in our reading, and I wish that there might be established here a course of lectures or talks on books, to be given occasionally by bright men, in a most informal way, permitting interruptions, questions and answers about books, their authors and their aim. In some such way young men might get suggestions about lines of reading, about the value of different books and about the difference (which is just as great in literature as in promissory notes) between real and apparent values. Next to the question of the advantage of reading good books, is that of the waste involved in reading worthless ones—showy ones, I mean, inaccurate books, scrappy books—quite as much as books that are distinctly vicious and evil. And here it is

to be remembered that the taste for literature is cultivatable like the taste for music. Unfortunately, there are many who never learn; what once learned becomes an inestimable boon, the inspiration, the charm that comes from books that are really worth reading.

In such ways, and in every way that may tend to such ends, may this noble foundation more and more effectually serve its end. I recommend it, ladies and gentlemen, to your continued interest and guardianship, and I pray that God may bless it and its good work, and all those who are responsible for it.

Abram S. Hewitt next spoke. He also commended the trustees for their judgment in retaining the present site for the library, where, he said, it was in closer touch with those who would avail themselves of the opportunities it afforded them than any other locality that might have been selected. He alluded to DeWitt Clinton, after whom Clinton Hall was named. "To that great man," he said, "there is no monument in New York except Clinton Hall, notwithstanding he had done so much to make this city the great metropolis of the continent." Then he paid a tribute to William Wood, who originated the Mercantile Library. "How much one poor man may do," he added, "by a noble and generous thought, is proved in this magnificent building and splendid collection of books. All honor to the memory of William Wood and to the spirit which directed him to found an enduring monument to Clinton, the statesman, the benefactor and the great Governor of New York."

Samual Sloan, who was at one time Recording Secretary of the Association, was called upon to speak and reluctantly responded. He apologized for coming in so late, and said if it had been a meeting of a board of directors, for attending which he would get \$5, he presumed he would have been on time, whereupon Dr. Deems suggested that it was an illustration of the ruling passion, and demanded that the amount be forfeited to the library fund.

The Rev. Dr. Robert Collyer was the next speaker, and in his kindly, gentle way related some experiences of his boyhood.

Dr. Deems, as the last speaker, spoke as follows:

Ladies and Gentlemen: For your comfort the President has announced

that mine is to be the *last* speech. For your further comfort I wish to announce that it will be a speech that will not last. In concluding the exercises let me endorse almost everything which has been spoken on this occasion. My slight modification of perfect consent touches a statement made by the President that there is *nothing* in the city of New York which so deserves to be remembered in your last will and testament as this admirable "Mercantile Library." He said this so positively, without any reserve that I was compelled to regard it as a slight misjudgment due to the state of his affections, or else to a slip of memory. He must have forgotten his near neighbor, "The Church of the Strangers," of which I am pastor. If he had said that after you had remembered "The Church of the Strangers" in your ultimate document you should then make a memento of this institution, of which we are all proud, I think his speech, like those of the other gentlemen, would have been above criticism.

As our friend Bishop Potter, and the other clergy, as well as the lay speakers, made this a sort of "experience meeting," I must follow in their wake. Their reminiscences have incited me to "reminisce."

First of all, I have a sort of prenatal association with this library. I was getting myself organized just when it was getting itself organized, and we came very near being born on the same.

I have another association which will take a shape of a reminiscence.

A long time ago there was a civil war in this land. It was a long time ago. The last shot in that war was fired twenty-six years and six months ago. I am precise in this statement because sometimes we hear the expression "the late war," which applies as appropriately to the Revolutionary war as to the civil conflict. There would be no need of emphasizing this if now and then some orator or newspaper editor in the land, who had forgotten to take his chances for a fight when all the heroes of the country were at it, did not now and then talk as if they had been so in the thick of the fight that they had not had time to wipe off the grime of the gun-powder.

Well, when that conflict was fought out to its decisive conclusion I came to New York. My servants were free, my house was burned, my land was taxed, my library had been captured by "our friends the enemy." In the language of an old Georgia friend, "the Lord had pretty well taken away all my circumstances," and I had removed to New York. I was commencing life afresh. A publishing house solicited me to write a book on Jesus the Christ. I had no library, and told them so. "But there is the Mercantile Library," they said. "Yes," I replied, "but I have not the money to

pay the fees; and besides I might want one hundred books at once." "Let us go and see the librarian," said the representative of the publishing house. The librarian at that time was Mr. Palmer, now manager of Palmer's Theatre. I told him what was wanted. He entered into the matter very cordially. He said he would fit me up an alcove, that he would arrange to have every book put promptly at my disposal and do everything else in his power to facilitate the work. I told him "I might want that alcove for years." He said I could have it as long as he remained an officer, and then I timidly ventured to ask him what I should have to pay for all this. His reply was that I should call for whatever book I wanted in any language, and if it could not be found in the library it should have its title written out by me and every day laid upon his desk, as he desired very greatly to enrich the Christological department of the library, which at that time was very meagre. The conclusion of that bargain saw me installed. For three years I think the mornings of my working days were all spent in this library, and at the end my book, "The Light of the Nations," was produced, and I am sure that the library was very much better than I found it at the beginning. I never meet with one of the 100,000 copies that are said to have been sold without a grateful remembrance of the Mercantile Library, although the pecuniary returns have failed to reach their author.

It is a subject of congratulation that New York has such a library, that it is on such a basis and has such regulations, that the young men, especially those of moderate means, as merchant's clerks usually are, and the young men from abroad, strangers in the city, with few acquaintances and slender social resources, can always find intellectual and moral entertainment here; and we rejoice that this library is so largely used. In so many parts of this land are men hungry for just such nutriment as is stored on these shelves. In many private houses are magnificent collections of books which are shut up from outsiders and not used by their owners, and some libraries which have such regulations as to make them useless to the public and only monuments to the selfishness of their departed founders. But when we view the delightful alcoves made by book-cases with such richly freighted book-shelves and know what multitudes of readers come crowding into these rooms, I think we might close our exercises with Scotch "grace":

"Some hae meat but canna eat;
Some can eat and hae no meat."

Dr. Deems here looked back and said: "My friend Dr. Collyer seems to be growling in Scotch about something." Dr. Collyer replied: "Ye're no'

sticking to the text." "Then I'll give way," said Dr. Deems, "and let Dr. Collyer render it." Dr. Collyer stepped to the front and said: "This is the true text:

'Some hae meat but canna eat,
And some would eat that want it;
But we hae meat and we can eat,
So let the Lord be thankit.'"

"Well," resumed Dr. Deems, "as about food for the body, so about food for the mind. Some long to read and cannot reach the books, and some do not read in touch of ample libraries. But we can read and have the books. Whether or not Dr. Collyer can put that into verse which will equal the Scot's, still for the demand and the supply of books shown by the Mercantile Library let us be thankful, and let us go home and every man add a codicil to his will in grateful and hopeful appreciation of this noble library.

On the close of the exercises a luncheon was served in rooms on the fifth floor.





"SILENCE,"

By J. MOSIER. Presented to the Library by Henry A. Stone.



[APPENDIX VIII.]

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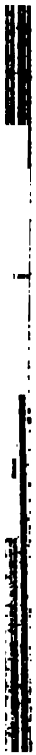
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Members of the Association :

MEMBERSHIP.

We have lost by death, since the last annual report, three of our honorary members, viz., Wilson G. Hunt, Benj. H. Field, and Hon. Wm. H. Wickham.

The issue of books was as follows:

Circulated at the library, Astor Place	97,984	volumes.
" " Fifth Avenue branch	51,883	"
" " down-town "	19,760	"
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Total circulation.....	169,627	

The following is the delivery by messengers at members' residences or places of business:

Delivered from the library, Astor Place	2,036	volumes.
" " Fifth Avenue branch.....	4,021	"
Total delivery.....	6,057	

Classification of the books circulated:

Theology.....	2,811	volumes	1.66%
Mental and moral science.....	2,460	"	1.45%
Political science.....	4,693	"	2.77%
Literature.....	28,380	"	16.79%
History, geography and travels.....	20,061	"	11.83%
Biography.....	10,596	"	6.10%
Mathematics.....	135	"	.08%
Natural science.....	2,730	"	1.61%
Medical science.....	763	"	.45%
Arts.....	4,624	"	2.72%
Fiction, English.....	81,982	"	48.33%
" French.....	7,005	"	4.13%
" German.....	3,334	"	1.96%
" other foreign.....	53	"	.03%
Total.....	169,627		1.00%

MONTHLY ISSUE.

May.....	14,696	volumes.
June.....	15,152	"
July.....	10,419	"
August.....	9,084	"
September.....	10,638	"
October.....	12,723	"
November.....	14,255	"
December.....	15,640	"
January.....	16,697	"
February.....	16,577	"
March.....	18,399	"
April.....	15,347	"
Total.....	169,627	"

The average monthly circulation was 14,135½ volumes.

The average daily circulation (302 days) was 561¾ volumes.

The largest number of books circulated in a single day was 1,015 volumes on February 4th, and the smallest circulation was 192 volumes on August 27th.

The notices sent to members to return books retained over time numbered for the year 4,466.

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BOOKS ISSUED IN THE REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

Theology	1,248	volumes	3.17%
Mental and moral science.....	996	"	2.53%
Political science	2,920	"	7.41%
Literature	16,690	"	42.37%
History, geography and travel.....	7,370	"	18.71%
Biography	3,390	"	8.60%
Mathematics	13	" .....	.03%
Natural science.....	1,366	"	3.47%
Medical science.....	283	" .....	.72%
Arts.....	2,928	"	7.61%
Fiction, English.....	1,926	"	4.89%
" French	186	" .....	.47%
" German.....	8	" .....	.02%
Total.....	39,394		1.00%

The above circulation represents only the books that were issued to members on orders, and does not show the use of the encyclopaedias, dictionaries, and the several hundred other works which are open to the free use of the members.

Could a record be kept of the extent to which these books are used, there can be no doubt the figures given above would be increased to ninety or one hundred thousand volumes.

The statistics given herewith show that our department for reference is very popular and extensively used.

It is open from 8:30 a. m. until 9 o'clock p. m.

It has been observed that almost the entire use of the department is between the hour of opening in the morning and 6 o'clock p. m.

A record has been kept during the year of the number of persons who availed themselves of the privilege to make use of the library after 6 o'clock.

From this record it appears the number of persons who took advantage of the privilege averaged only four nightly, clearly demonstrating the fact that there is a very small demand for night opening.

BOOKS.

The total number of volumes added to the library during the year was 5,121 volumes.

By purchase 4,640 volumes.

By donation 481 volumes.

There has been sold during the year 3,138 volumes of our duplicate books.

The number of books condemned by reason of being imperfect, soiled and worn out was 759 volumes, making a total of 3,897 volumes.

Deducting this number from our gross accessions makes our net increase for the year 1,224 volumes.

The total number of volumes in the library on the 30th of April, 1893, was 241,017.

The following named books are some of the more important that have been acquired during the year.

Ongania. Basilica di San Marco in Venezia.

Cole & Stillmann. Old Italian masters (folio edition).

Corpus juris civilis. Five volumes folio, Paris, 1515-1516.

La Normandie monumentale.

Strauss. Paris ignoré.

Burdett. Hospitals and asylums of the world, 4 volumes.

The army and navy of the United States.

Gotch. Architecture of the renaissance in Italy.

Audsley. The practical decorator and ornamentist.

Streets and canals in Venice.

Williams. The home and haunts of Shakespeare.

Hamerton. Man in art.

History of White's.

Crealock. Deer-stalking in the Highlands of Scotland.

Bell. Edward Burne-Jones.

Beraldi. Estampes et livres 1872-1892.

Stevens. Fac-similes of manuscripts, etc.

Beers. Atlas of the Hudson river valley from New York to Troy.

Harrisse. The discovery of North America.

Solon. The ancient stoneware of the Low Countries of Germany.

Poulson. History and antiquities of the seigniory of Holderness.

Brown. Pugin studentship drawings.

Harper. English pen artists of to-day.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

The total income of the library for the year from all sources was \$28,102.62.

The expenditures amounted to \$26,748.49.

There was expended for books, periodicals and binding, \$8,120.39.

\$5,714.65 were spent in the maintenance of the two branch libraries.

The Treasurer's report will show in detail all items of receipts and expenditures.

READING ROOM STATISTICS.

	Attendance.	Daily averages.
May.....	2,731.....	109
June.....	2,251.....	82½
July.....	1,616.....	62
August.....	1,775.....	65½
September.....	2,089.....	83½
October.....	2,339.....	93½
November.....	2,370.....	99
December.....	2,561.....	98½
January.....	2,359.....	94
February.....	2,033.....	88½
March.....	2,532.....	93½
April.....	2,229.....	93
Total.....	26,885	
Monthly average attendance.....		2,240½
Daily " ".....		89
Average attendance after 6 P. M.....		17½

CATALOGUES AND READERS' AIDS.

Accession lists of the books added to the library, Nos. 291 to 325, of the books in the English language, and Nos. 74 to 83 of the foreign books, in all 7,350 copies, were issued and given to readers free of charge.

The following additions have been made to our card catalogues:

To the main catalogue.....	7,103 cards	56 guides.
" " reference department catalogue.....	4,153 " "	91 " "
" " Fifth Avenue branch catalogue.....	2,091 " "	34 " "
Total	13,347 cards,	181 guides.

Bulletin No. 14, containing the accessions to the library from November, 1891, to November 30, 1892, was published in the month of December.

BRANCH LIBRARY, 426 Fifth Avenue.

The number of books circulated from this branch during the year was as follows:

May.....	4,757 volumes.
June.....	5,355 "
July.....	2,539 "
August.....	1,308 "
September.....	2,293 "
October.....	4,139 "
November.....	4,782 "
December.....	5,439 "
January.....	5,479 "
February.....	5,370 "
March.....	6,477 "
April.....	4,983 "

Total circulation.....52,921 volumes.

The classification of the books issued is as follows :

Theology.....	227 volumes.
Mental and moral science.....	358 "
Political science.....	520 "
Literature.....	3,195 "
History, geography and travels.....	3,348 "
Biography.....	2,239 "
Mathematics.....	18 "
Natural science.....	291 "
Medical science.....	107 "
Arts.....	501 "
Fiction, English.....	38,836 "
" French.....	2,187 "
" German.....	1,084 "
" other foreign.....	10 "

52,921

The average monthly circulation was 4,410 5-6 volumes.

The average daily circulation was 174½ volumes.

The largest number of books circulated in a single day was 380 volumes, on February 11th, and the smallest, 47 volumes, on July 13th. Two thousand six hundred and sixty-eight notices were sent to members to return books kept over time.

The branch was closed from August 22d until September 6th.

The number of persons using this branch on April 30th, 1893, was 1,645.

Members and subscribers.....	1,306
Clinton Hall members.....	339

1,645

DOWN-TOWN BRANCH, 120 Broadway.

On the 2d of May, 1892, we began business at our new location, in the arcade of the Equitable building, 120 Broadway.

The reasons for the change that has been made in this branch were so fully and completely stated in the last annual report that we deem it unnecessary to repeat them here.

We are pleased to state that the predictions made by persons who opposed the change, that the extent of our business would show a serious falling off during the year, have not been verified.

In some classes of books the number circulated is larger than in former years, and the total circulation for the twelve months shows a decrease of only 678 volumes.

We have received several communications commending the change, and we are of the opinion that by reason of its accessibility and central location the branch as at present arranged will grow in popularity.

The total circulation for the year was 19,760 volumes, classified as follows :

Theology.....	169 volumes.
Mental and moral science	178 "
Political science.....	297 "
Literature.....	1,836 "
History, geography and travels.....	1,600 "
Biography.....	945 "
Mathematics.....	19 "
Natural science....	236 "
Medical science.....	82 "
Arts.....	171 "
Fiction, English.....	12,959 "
" French.....	1,021 "
" German.....	246 "
" other foreign.....	1 "
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	19,760

The second annual exhibition of a portion of the art and illustrated books contained in the library's collection was given on Wednesday, February 8th, 1893, from two until ten o'clock p. m.

These exhibitions have proved to be a very popular feature of our work, as shown by the large number of our members who attend and find instruction and entertainment in studying and inspecting the books which are on exhibition. About 600 volumes were placed open on the tables. Among the most popular appeared to be (judging from the amount of use and attention they received):

Barnard. Character sketches from Dickens and Thackeray.

Boydell. Illustrations to Shakespeare.

Home and haunts of Shakespeare, by Williams.

Darley. Gallery of Shakespearian illustrations.

Audubon's. Birds of America.

M'Kenney. Indian tribes of North America.

Old Italian Masters, by Cole.

Detaillé. L'armée Française.

The record of attendance showed that the exhibition was visited by 1,056 persons.

Your board has received the copies of several amendments to our constitution which are to be offered at this meeting.

This notice is in compliance with section 1 of article v. of our constitution.

In closing this report we wish to extend our thanks to the friends who have remembered the library by gifts through the year, and to call the attention of the members to the list of donors attached to this report.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the board.

T. S. RUMNEY,
President.

NEW YORK, May 9, 1893.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The 72d annual meeting of the Mercantile Library Association was held at the library on Tuesday evening, May 9th, 1893.

The meeting was called to order by the president of the association, Mr. T. S. Rumney, who occupied the chair.

The minutes of the 71st annual meeting were read by the secretary and on motion approved.

The secretary read the reports of the president and treasurer of the Clinton Hall Association, which were received and ordered to be printed with the annual report.

The treasurer of the association, Mr. W. D. Searls, read his report for the year, which was adopted and ordered to be printed.

The president then read the 72d annual report of the association, which on motion was adopted and the usual number of copies ordered to be printed for the use of the members.

The following amendments to the constitution of the association, which were offered by Mr. T. S. Rumney, who had given the board of directors the necessary notice of 30 days, were then taken up and acted upon, section by section, and finally adopted as a whole.

ARTICLE I.

MEMBERSHIP.

SECTION 1. This association shall be composed of the following named classes of members: active, subscribing, life, perpetual, and honorary.

ACTIVE MEMBERS.

SEC. 2. Any person engaged on a salary as a clerk may become an active member of the association if approved by the board of direction, on subscribing to the constitution, paying an initiation fee of one (\$1) dollar and two (\$2) dollars for the first six months.

The regular dues of all active members shall be four (\$4) dollars annually, or two (\$2) dollars semi-annually, in advance.

SEC. 3. Active members who have paid the annual or semi-annual dues for fifteen (15) years continuously shall be entitled to life membership without the payment of further dues.

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SEC. 4. A membership of at least three months shall be requisite to make a member eligible to any office.

A membership of at least four weeks shall be necessary to enable a member to vote at any election.

SUBSCRIBING MEMBERS.

SEC. 5. Any person who shall be approved by the board of direction may become a subscribing member of the association on the payment of five (\$5) dollars annually, or three (\$3) dollars semi-annually, in advance, and shall be entitled to all the privileges of membership except the right to vote and hold office.

SEC. 6. Subscribing members who have paid the annual or semi-annual dues for fifteen (15) years continuously shall be entitled to life membership without the payment of further dues.

LIFE MEMBERS.

SEC. 7. Any person approved by the board of direction, who shall pay fifty (\$50) dollars at one time, may become a life member and enjoy all the privileges of the library which are accorded to subscribing members.

PERPETUAL MEMBERS.

SEC. 8. Any person who shall pay one hundred (\$100) dollars at one time, and who shall be approved by the board of direction, shall be entitled to membership in perpetuity and enjoy all the privileges accorded to subscribing members.

Persons entitled to membership in perpetuity shall receive a certificate of such membership, signed by the president and secretary of the association.

These certificates shall be negotiable and transferable.

SEC. 9. All transfers of such membership shall possess all the rights and be subject to the restrictions of persons originally entitled to such membership.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

SEC. 10. Persons of distinction may be elected honorary members of the association by a vote of three-fourths of all the members of the board of direction, but no more than two persons shall be elected to such membership in any one year. Honorary members shall be entitled, for life, to the free use of the library and reading room, and to all other privileges usually accorded to subscribing members.

SEC. 11. Only active members, or those life members who are clerks on a salary, shall be entitled to vote and hold office.

SEC. 12. The provisions of sections 3 and 6 of article I shall apply only from the date of their adoption, and shall not be retroactive.

SEC. 13. If the dues of any member remain unpaid for the term of three months his rights of membership shall be forfeited.

SEC. 14. Members shall be subject to the rules and regulations made for governing the library and reading room, and for the protection of the property of the association, and in case of flagrant misconduct and violation of the afore-

mentioned rules on the part of any member, the board of direction shall have power by a two-third vote to expel such member.

Strike out from section 1 of article II the word May and in its place insert the word January, so that the section may read as follows :

OF MEETINGS.

SEC. 1. There shall be an annual meeting of the members of the association on the second Tuesday in January, for the purpose of receiving the report of the board of direction, and for the transaction of such other business as may be presented.

Twenty members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

This amendment shall take effect May 18th, 1893.

Strike our from section 4 of article III the word eight and substitute the word six, making the section read as follows :

SEC. 4. There shall be an annual election to fill the seats of the outgoing directors on the Tuesday succeeding the annual meeting, the polls to open at 3 o'clock P. M., and to close at 6 o'clock P. M. Such election shall be by ballot. No member shall be entitled to vote who is in arrears for dues.

Make section 5 of article III read as follows :

SEC. 5. At least TWO WEEKS previous to each annual election, the BOARD OF DIRECTION shall give public notice thereof, and shall also appoint INSPECTORS to superintend such election; and if any of the inspectors shall fail to attend at the time appointed for the election, those who do attend may fill the vacancy. If one or more of the requisite number of directors balloted for at any such election shall for any cause fail to be elected, the inspectors shall order a new election to be held within one week thereafter to fill the place or places of those so failing to be elected.

Make section 11 of article III read as follows :

SEC. 11. The treasurer shall, subject to the approval of the board of direction, have charge and custody of all the securities of the association, collect the principal of the same as they become due, collect the dividends or interest on investments as they mature, and shall deposit to the credit of "The Mercantile Library Association," without delay, all funds received by him for or on account of the association, in such bank or institution as may have been designated by the board of direction. He shall, with the president, sign all checks, and keep a regular account of the finances of the association, an abstract of which shall be presented at each annual meeting, with the annual report of the board of direction. He shall give security for the faithful discharge of his trust in a sum to be fixed by the board of direction.

Make section 13 of article III read as follows :

SEC. 13. The board of direction shall have full power to appropriate funds, enact by-laws for its own government, and for the government of the association ; make all proper provisions and regulations for the preservation, management and direction of the library and reading room, and to conduct the affairs of the association. The board shall meet at least once a month for the transaction of business, and at each annual meeting shall report its proceedings for the preceding year.

Make section 16 of article III read as follows :

SEC. 16. In case of flagrant official or personal misconduct, the board of direction shall have power, by a vote of three-fourths of its whole number, to expel a member of the board—two weeks' previous notice of the charges against him having been rendered in writing to the president, who shall thereupon and within one week thereafter, furnish a copy of such charges to the member against whom they are made.

Strike out section 18 of article III.

Mr. Chas. H. Patrick offered the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That at the annual election, to be held on the 16th of May, 1893, the directors shall be elected to serve until January, 1896, and that the terms of the directors of the present two years class shall expire in January, 1894, and the terms of the directors of the present three years class shall expire in January, 1895.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

A. WETMORE,
Secretary.

APPENDIXES TO ANNUAL REPORT.

[APPENDIX I.]

TREASURER'S REPORT OF THE MERCANTILE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION,

For the year ending, April 30th, 1893.

RECEIPTS.

Balance, April 30, 1892		\$2,370 84
Initiation fees	\$1,334 00	
Semi-annual dues	13,838 00	
Duplicate accounts	676 50	
Amount received for extra books and fines	3,130 88	
Catalogues	41 80	
Duplicate books	1,191 31	
Interest	1,027 50	
Permanent catalogue fund interest	179 80	
Book delivery	273 45	
Old paper	54 95	
Clinton Hall	3,983 59	
		<u>\$25,731 78</u>
		<u>\$28,102 62</u>

EXPENDITURES.

Books	\$4,877 39	
Periodicals	1,893 11	
Fixtures	595 31	
Binding	1,349 89	
Salaries	8,836 96	
Incidentals	520 63	
Downtown branch	2,093 27	
Fifth Avenue branch	3,621 38	
Stationery and printing	1,230 54	
Book delivery	362 45	
Catalogue	900 00	
Postage	172 01	
Advertising	295 55	
		<u>\$26,748 94</u>
Balance Astor Place bank		1,354 13
		<u>\$28,102 62</u>

[APPENDIX II.]

CLINTON HALL ASSOCIATION,

NEW YORK, May 9, 1893.

*To the president and directors of the
Mercantile Library Association :*

GENTLEMEN—

The report of M. C. D. Borden, the able and efficient treasurer of our association, will explain to you the condition of our affairs.

You will certainly share the regret we feel that no part of the heavy debt we owe has as yet been paid. We trust that this is the only year in which there will be no record of a reduction of that burden.

The rentals have gradually increased, so that we think we can count on a handsome addition to our revenue the current year. We can also count on some diminution of our disbursements. It will be observed that we have been compelled to pay an immense sum for taxes ; this includes the payments for two years. We endeavored to obtain a release from a portion of this levy, but were unsuccessful. This drain upon our resources is severe in itself, and all the heavier because so many of our most affluent citizens manage in some way or other to shirk their liabilities for the expense incurred in maintaining the municipal government. If those whose wealth is overwhelmingly large will do their share toward the support of the city government, the exactions upon us, and upon people of moderate means, would not be as severe and disproportionate as they are.

The trustees propose to pursue a policy of rigid economy until the institution is very much less encumbered with debt than it is now. They have fortunately made a beginning in that direction.

It will be the aim of the administration in the future, as it has been in the past, to conserve the welfare of the Mercantile Library Association and enhance its usefulness.

I remain, with sincere good wishes, gentlemen,

Yours heartily,

ISAAC H. BAILEY,
President.

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[APPENDIX II.—Continued.]

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OF

M. C. D. BORDEN, TREASURER OF CLINTON HALL
ASSOCIATION,

MAY, 1893.

LIBRARY FUND.—RECEIPTS.

From building account..... \$4,141 09

EXPENDITURES.

Books..... \$157 50
Binding..... 683 59
\$841 09

MERCANTILE LIBRARY.

Fifth Avenue branch..... \$2,200 00
Downtown branch..... 300 00
Clerical services..... 600 00
Printing annual report..... 200 00
\$4,141 09

BUILDING FUND.

Cash on hand May 7th, 1892..... \$7,029 24
Receipts from rents..... 42,198 88
\$49,228 12

EXPENDITURES.

Interest..... \$13,544 17
Insurance..... 401 48
Coal..... 1,528 05
Gas..... 215 45
Taxes..... 8,498 68
Repairs..... 1,549 63
Administration..... 9,447 71
\$35,185 17
Library account..... 4,141 09
Building account..... 1,606 99
\$40,933 25
Cash in bank..... 8,294 87
\$49,228 12

Cost of building..... \$497,579 58

Insurance on building..... \$400,000 00
Insurance on books, etc..... 66,571 86

LIABILITIES.

Bond and Mortgage..... \$275,000 00
Loan Astor Place bank..... 30,000 00

M. C. D. BORDEN, *Treasurer.*

[APPENDIX III.]

BOOK ACCOUNT.

Number of volumes April 30th, 1893.....	239,793
“ “ added this year by purchase.....	4,640
“ “ “ “ “ by donation.....	481
	<u>5,121</u>
English books added.....	4,641
French “ “	274
German “ “	200
Other foreign books added.....	6
	<u>5,121</u>
Folio and quarto	447
Octavo.....	1,241
Duodecimo, etc.....	3,433
	<u>5,121</u>
On theology.....	123
“ mental and moral science.....	93
“ political science.....	308
“ literature.....	678
“ history, geography and travels.....	682
“ biography.....	286
“ mathematics.....	2
“ natural science.....	135
“ medicine.....	52
“ arts.....	190
“ English fiction.....	2,245
“ French “	189
“ German “	138
	<u>5,121</u>
Less surplus and imperfect books sold.....	3,897
	<u>1,224</u>
Total number of volumes, April 30th, 1893.....	241,017
Books added by Clinton Hall Association.....	3 vols.
Pamphlets added.....	730
Periodicals bound.....	421 vols.
Number of volumes at the up-town branch, April 30, 1892.....	22,839
Added this year.....	1,163
	<u>24,002</u>
Total number, April 30th, 1893.....	24,002 vols.

[APPENDIX IV.]

BINDING.

	NEW BOOKS.					OLD BOOKS.					GRAND TOTAL.
	Half Morocco.	Duck.	Half Roan.	Cloth.	Total.	Duck.	Half Morocco.	Cloth.	Re-cased.	Total.	
1892-May.	—	27	1	108	136	—	—	71	20	91	227
June.	—	31	2	122	155	3	—	43	23	69	224
July.	—	79	—	114	193	1	—	30	6	37	230
August.	—	36	—	56	92	10	—	36	19	65	157
September.	1	13	—	102	116	1	—	74	13	88	204
October ...	—	47	1	73	121	2	—	69	20	91	212
November.	—	7	1	42	50	2	—	21	17	40	90
December.	4	49	—	97	150	15	—	64	31	110	260
1893-January. ...	—	93	—	108	201	12	—	47	24	83	284
February ..	—	8	1	84	93	12	—	61	30	103	196
March	—	67	—	125	192	11	—	96	40	147	339
April.	—	9	1	111	121	6	—	74	27	107	228
Total.	5	466	7	1,142	1,620	75	—	686	270	1,031	2,651

[APPENDIX V.]

LIST OF DONORS

TO THE

MERCANTILE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION,

For the year ending April 30th, 1893.

	VOLS.	PAM.
Abbott, Austin.....	1	
American Geographical Society.....	1	
" Pharmaceutical Association.....	1	
Amherst, Mass., Amherst College.....		1
Andover, Mass., Theological Seminary.....		1
Appleton, Daniel F..... 2 framed pictures	1	1
Aron, Joseph, Paris.....	1	
Aviles, John C.....	2	
Balfour, David M., Boston, Mass.....	2	
Baltimore, Md., Enoch Pratt Free Library.....		1
" " Johns Hopkins University.....		14
" " Peabody Institute.....	1	1
Barnes, J. L.....	1	
Blackwell, Sarah Ellen, Elizabeth, N. J.....	1	
Boller, Frederick J.....	6	
Bolton, Charles Knowles, Cambridge, Mass.....		2
Boston, Mass., Massachusetts Reform Club.....		1
Bourinot, John George, Ottawa, Can.....	1	
Brookline, Mass., Public Library.....		2
Brooklyn, City of, Board of Education.....	1	
" " Department of Health.....		52
" " Brooklyn Daily Eagle.....	1	
" " Library.....		2
" " Pratt Institute.....		1
Brunswick, Me., Bowdoin College.....		6
Buenos Aires, Biblioteca Nacional.....	7	
Buffalo, N. Y., Buffalo Historical Society.....		1
" " " Library.....		2
Burlington, Vt., Fletcher Free Library.....		1
" " University of Vermont.....	1	1
Cabot, Arthur Winslow.....	5	
Cabot, Dexter W.....	2	
Cambridge, Mass., Harvard University.....	2	6
Chicago, Ill., Board of Trade.....	1	
" " Public Library..... 1 photograph		2
" " Sunset Club.....	1	
" " University of Chicago.....		5

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	VOLS.	PAM.
Cincinnati, O., Chamber of Commerce.....	2	
" " Public Library.....	1	4
" " Young Men's Mercantile Library Association....		1
Clarke & Co., Robert, Cincinnati, O.....	1	
Cleveland, O., Public Library.....		1
Coles, Jonathan Ackerman, Deerhurst, N. J.....	1	
College Hill, Mass., Tufts College.....		2
Collins, Charles.....1 framed membership certificate of 1825		
Columbus, O., Public Library and Reading Room.....		1
Conkey, John R.....		1
Conkling, Howard, Luzerne, N. Y.....	1	
Craig, Hugh.....	2	
Crary, J. D.....	13	
Danvers, Mass., Peabody Institute.....		1
Dayton, O., Public Library.....		1
Denver, Col., Public Library.....		7
Detroit, Mich., Public Library.....	2	1
Dickinson, Edward B.....	1	
Doremus, Miss Sarah D.....	6	
Ellis, John, M. D., Edgewater, N. J.....		2
Fall River, Mass., Public Library.....		1
Germantown, Phila., Pa., Friends' Free Library & Reading Room		1
Gibbes, Miss Emily O.....	4	
Gibson, George Rutledge.....		1
Gibson, Joseph W.....	4	
Glasgow, Scotland, Baillie's Institution Free Library.....		1
" " Mitchell Library.....		2
Gloversville, N. Y., Free Library.....		3
Gorham Manufacturing Company.....	1	
Grand Rapids, Mich., Public Library.....		1
Green, Samuel A. (Hon.), Boston, Mass.....	4	
Gregg, W. H., M. D.....	1	
Hartford, Conn., Hartford Library Association.....		1
" " " Theological Seminary.....		1
" " " Steam Boiler Inspection and Insurance Co....	1	
" " " Trinity College.....		1
Hess, Selmar.....		68
Holt, Joseph, M. D., New Orleans, La.....		1
Indianapolis, Ind., Public Library.....		1
Ithaca, N. Y., Cornell University.....	2	3
Jackson, James H., M. D., Dansville, N. Y.....		1
Jersey City, N. J., Free Public Library.....		8
Johnson, Tom L. (Hon.), Cleveland, O.....		1
Kinnear, Beverley O., M. D.....	2	
Konvalinka, Joseph George, Long Island City.....		1
Koopman, H. L., Burlington, Vt.....		1
Laboratory Company, Norway Lake, Me.....	1	
Lawrence, Mass., Public Library.....		5
Leoser, Charles McK.....		1
Liverpool, England, Free Public Library, Museum, and Walker Art Gallery.....		1
London, England, Society of Arts.....	1	
Los Angeles, Cal., Public Library.....		18
Lowell, Mass., City Library.....		2
McCook, Anson G. (Hon.).....	7	
Mackenzie, Harriott, Braemar, Scotland.....	2	

	VOL.	PAM.
Manchester, England, Public Free Libraries		2
Martin, William T.	1	
Massachusetts, State of, Bureau of Statistics of Labor	2	
Mears, A. Garland, West Hartlepool, England	1	
Milwaukee, Wis., Public Library		1
Minneapolis, Minn., Public Library	1	3
Montreal, Can., Royal Society of Canada	1	
Morton, Levi P. (Hon.)	35	4
National Association of Wool Manufacturers	2	
Nelson, C. E., M. D.	1	
New Bedford, Mass., Free Public Library	1	3
New Haven, Conn., Yale University		7
" " " " Observatory		1
New Jersey, State of, State Geologist	1	
" " " " Library	2	
" " " " Treasurer	1	
New Orleans, La., H. Sophie Newcomb Memorial College		1
New York, State of, Board of Railroad Commissioners	2	
" " " " Trade and Transportation	1	
" " " " Chamber of Commerce	2	
" " " " Commissioners of Statutory Revision	6	
" " " " Secretary of State	35	
" " " " State Library		4
" " " " Reservation at Niagara		1
New York, City of, Board of Education	4	
" " " " Police Justices	2	
" " " " Common Council	5	
" " " " Department of Public Parks, Meteorological Observatory	1	8
" " " " Health Department	3	
New York, American Bible Society		1
" " " " Home Missionary Society		1
" " " " Institute		1
" " " " Museum of Natural History	1	1
" " " " Numismatic and Archaeological Society	1	
" " " " Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals		1
" " " " Apprentices' Library		2
" " " " Association of the Bar	1	
" " " " Astor Library		1
" " " " Banca Tocci	1	
" " " " Children's Aid Society		1
" " " " City Reform Club		2
" " " " College of the City of New York		1
" " " " Colored Home and Hospital		1
" " " " Demilt Dispensary		1
" " " " Deutsche Poliklinik		1
" " " " Eclectical Medical College		1
" " " " Free Circulating Library		1
" " " " German Society of the City of New York		2
" " " " Isabella Heimath		1
" " " " Lenox Library		22
" " " " Medical Society of the County of New York	1	
" " " " New York Academy of Sciences		7
" " " " " College of Veterinary Surgeons		1
" " " " " Hospital and Bloomingdale Asylum		1

	VOLS.	PAM.
New York, New York Institution for the Blind.....		2
" " " " Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children.....		1
" " Produce Exchange.....	1	1
" " Roosevelt Hospital.....		1
" " Scientific Alliance of New York.....		2
" " Sheltering Arms.....		1
" " Society for the Reformation of Juvenile Delinquents.....		1
" " Typothetæ.....		1
" " Verein für Kunst und Wissenschaft.....		2
" " Woman's Medical College of the New York Infirmary.....		1
" " Young Men's Christian Association.....		1
" " " " State Committee.....		1
New York State Pharmaceutical Association.....	1	
Newburgh, N. Y., Board of Education.....	1	
Newport, R. I., Redwood Library and Athenæum.....		1
Oates, William C., M. C. (Colonel), Abbeville, Ala.....		8
Omaha, Neb., Public Library.....		2
Palo Alto, Cal., Leland Stanford Junior University.....		1
Paterson, N. J., Free Public Library.....		10
Peabody Education Fund.....		1
Peoria, Ill., City Clerk.....		1
" " Public Library.....		3
Perkins, Bishop W. (Senator), Oswego, Kan.....		1
Philadelphia, Pa., Academy of Natural Sciences.....		1
" " Alumni Association of the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy.....		1
" " Indian Rights Association.....		8
" " Library Company.....		1
" " Mercantile Library Company.....		5
" " Pennsylvania Prison Society.....		1
" " Philadelphia Times.....		1
" " State Penitentiary of the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.....		1
Pinkerton, Robert A. and William A. Pinkerton.....	1	
Pitman & Sons, Isaac.....	2	
Pope, Albert A. (Colonel), Boston, Mass.....		10
Post, Mrs. Sarah E., M. D.....	2	
Providence, R. I., Brown University.....		1
" " Providence Athenæum.....		3
" " Rhode Island Historical Society.....		1
Quebec, Can., Université Laval.....		1
Queens County Agricultural Society.....		1
Randolph, James Butterworth, San Francisco, Cal.....		1
Rochester, N. Y., Academy of Science.....		1
" " University of Rochester.....		1
St. Louis, Mo., Mercantile Library.....		3
" " Public Library.....		1
St. Paul, Minn., Minnesota Historical Society.....	2	1
Salem, Mass., Public Library.....		1
San Francisco, Cal., Mercantile Library Association.....		1
" " " " Odd Fellows' Library Association.....		1
" " " " St. Ignatius College.....		1
Santa Clara, Cal., Santa Clara College.....		1
Scranton, Pa., Public Library.....		1
Shaw, Albert, Ph. D.....	1	

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MAY, 1893 — DECEMBER, 1893

1893

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1841.....HECTOR MORISON.	1872.....CHARLES H. WILSON.
1842.....JOHN T. ROLLINS.	1872-73—PETER VOORHIS.
1843.....LEWIS McMULLEN.	1873-74—CHARLES S. ARTHUR.
1843.....RICHARD BURLEW.	1874-75—SAM'L PUTNAM.
1844-45—CHARLES E. MILNOR.	1875-76—CHAS. C. HOUGH.
1846-47—CORNELIUS L. EVERITT.	1876-77—WM. H. GUION, JR.
1848.....THOMAS W. GROSER.	1877-78—WM. H. GUION, JR.
1849.....ISAAC H. BAILEY.	1878-79—SEYMOUR A. BUNCE.
1850.....THOMAS J. BAYAUD.	1879-80—W. D. SEARLS.
1851.....HENRY A. OAKLEY.	1880-81—CHARLES H. PATRICK.
1852.....GEORGE PECKHAM.	1881-82—CHARLES H. PATRICK.
1853.....WILLARD L. FELT.	1882-83—A. WETMORE, JR.
1854.....DANIEL F. APPLETON.	1883-84—ALEX. M. EAGLESON.
1855.....D. REYNOLDS BUDD.	1884-85—A. H. TIMPSON.
1855-56—GEORGE C. WOOD.	1885-86—JAMES MAGEE.
1856-57—JOHN CRERAR.	1886-87—JOHN BYERS.
1857-58—ROWLAND H. TIMPSON.	1887-88—J. L. GRAHAM.
1857-58—ALEXANDER P. FISKE.	1888-89—F. A. SANDLAND.
1858-59—E. BOUDINOT SERVOS.	1889-90—T. S. RUMNEY.
1859-60—RICHARD A. BACHIA.	1890-91—CHAS. WAGER HULL.
1860-61—CHAS. E. KING SHERMAN.	1891-92—CHARLES H. PATRICK.
1861-62—CHARLES F. ALLEN.	1892-93—T. S. RUMNEY.
1893.....CHARLES H. LYON.	

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SEVENTY-THIRD ANNUAL REPORT.

Members of the Association:

During the early periods of the Library's existence its business year ended with the month of December.

In the year 1855 the constitution of the Association was changed and the fiscal year was made to begin with the month of May and end with the month of April.

This change was recommended and supported by the Library management in order that the lecture courses, which at that period were given during the Fall and Winter months of each year, might be finished under the auspices of those who inaugurated them and completed within the fiscal year in which they were commenced.

By reason of the adoption last year of the amendment to our constitution making our fiscal year correspond with the calendar year, we revert to the same date for holding our annual meetings that prevailed during the first thirty-five years of the Library's history.

This will account for our meeting this evening.

The record of our transactions about to be presented will only be for the eight months from May, 1893, to December, 1893, inclusive.

MEMBERSHIP.

The total number of members on April 30, 1893, was.....		3,457
Active members added since last report.....	130	
Subscribing " " " " " ".....	664	
	<hr/>	794
Active members' accounts closed.....	183	
Subscribing " " " " " ".....	820	
	<hr/>	1,003
A decrease since the last report of.....		<hr/> 209
		<hr/> 3,248

Total number of persons entitled to use the Library .	
December 31, 1893.....	5,013

CIRCULATION.

The books circulated were issued as follows :

Total circulation for eight months.....110,804

The following number of books were delivered by messengers at members' residences or places of business :

Classification of the books circulated :

Total.....110,804 "

MONTHLY CIRCULATION.

Total.....110,894 "

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The average monthly circulation was 15,842 volumes.

The average daily circulation (204 days) was 543 3-5 volumes.

The largest daily circulation was 921 volumes on June 28th, and the smallest number of books issued in one day was 204 volumes on July 29th.

Two thousand four hundred and six notices were sent to members to return books kept over time.

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

The following table will show the number of volumes and the classification of the books used in our reference department:

This is exclusive of the use of the books in this department to which the members have free access, the extent of which use it is impossible to keep an accurate record.

Theology and religious literature.....	686	volumes.
Mental and moral philosophy.....	586	"
Political and social sciences.....	1,716	"
Literature and language.....	4,464	"
History, geography and travels.....	4,953	"
Biography.....	2,681	"
General works.....	9,508	"
Natural science and mathematics.....	1,043	"
Medical science.....	144	"
The arts.....	2,407	"
Fiction, English.....	1,410	"
" French.....	38	"
" German.....	4	"
Total.....	29,840	"

BOOKS.

The number of books contained in the Library as given in the last annual report was 241,017 volumes.

The number added since is 3,461 volumes. 3,120 volumes were acquired by purchase and 341 volumes through donations.

The number of duplicate books sold was 838 volumes; the number of books condemned by reason of being soiled and worn was 508 volumes; the number of books lost and paid for was 49 volumes, making a total of 1,395 volume, which deducted from the gross accessions makes our net increase 2,066 volumes.

The total number of books in the Library on the 31st of December, 1893, was 243,083.

The worn and soiled books were donated to the Charity Organization Society for use among the inmates of hospitals, asylums, etc.

In acknowledging the receipt of these books the chairman of the Committee writes as follows :

"We cannot thank you sufficiently for your splendid donation of reading matter, of which we are in much need."

The names of some of the books recently added are as follows :

Chapin. Masters and masterpieces of engraving.
 Piggott. The music and musical instruments of Japan.
 Morin. French illustrators.
 Michel. Rembrandt.
 Child. A mirror of fair women.
 Lansing. Columbian gallery.
 Chicago Exposition. Art and architecture.
 Historic churches of America.
 Lanciani. Forma urbis Romæ.
 Studer. The birds of North America.
 Meissonier. Twelve of the choicest of his paintings.
 Fitzgerald. London city suburbs as they are to-day.
 Belcher. The institute of chartered accountants in England and Wales.
 Nicene and post-Nicene fathers. Ed. by Philip Schaff.
 Bentzon. Jacqueline. (Illustrated edition.)

The two publications of the year for which the demand has been greatest were "The Heavenly Twins," by Sarah Grand, and "The Prince of India," by Lew Wallace.

Of "The Heavenly Twins" 73 copies were purchased and of "The Prince of India" 52 copies.

FINANCES.

The total receipts of the Library from all sources were \$16,504.42.

The expenditures were 15,851.77.

The amount paid for books, periodicals and binding was \$4,022.41.

\$3,360.70 were appropriated for the maintenance of the branch libraries.

The Treasurer's report will give in detail all the items of income and expenditures.

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READING ROOM STATISTICS.

	Attendance.
May	2,296
June	2,000
July	1,562
August	1,852
September	1,968
October	2,433
November	2,334
December	2,272
Total	16,717
Monthly average attendance	2,089½
Daily	82
Average attendance after 6 P. M.	14½

BRANCH LIBRARY, 426 Fifth Avenue.

The number of books circulated from this branch was as follows :

May	5,331	volumes.
June	5,470	"
July	2,388	"
August	1,229	"
September	2,134	"
October	4,237	"
November	4,804	"
December	5,065	"
Total circulation	30,658	"

CLASSIFICATION OF THE CIRCULATION.

Theology and religious literature	117	volumes.
Mental and moral philosophy	185	"
Political and social sciences	229	"
Literature and language	948	"
History, geography and travels	1,653	"
Biography	1,351	"
General works	628	"
Natural science and mathematics	768	"
Medical science	47	"
The arts	234	"
Fiction, English	23,290	"
" French	1,155	"
" German	638	"
" other foreign	15	"
	30,658	"

The average monthly circulation was 3,557½ volumes.

The average daily circulation was 176 volumes.

The largest number of books circulated in a single day was 307 volumes on May 31st, and the smallest 32 volumes on November 7th.

Two thousand three hundred and forty-nine notices were sent to members to return books retained over time.

The number of persons using this branch on December 31st, 1893, was 1,561.

Members and subscribers.....	1,222
Clinton Hall members.....	339
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	1,561

DOWN-TOWN BRANCH, 120 Broadway.

The number of books issued from this branch was 13,390 volumes, classified as follows :

Theology and religious literature.....	176	volumes.
Mental and moral philosophy.....	127	"
Political and social sciences.....	185	"
Literature and language.....	541	"
History, geography and travels.....	1,070	"
Biography.....	656	"
General works.....	813	"
Natural science and mathematics.....	137	"
Medical science.....	38	"
The arts.....	121	"
Fiction, English.....	8,746	"
" French.....	656	"
" German.....	123	"
" other foreign.....	1	"
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	13,390	"

CATALOGUES AND READERS' AIDS.

Accession lists of the books added to the Library, Nos. 326 to 339, of the books in the English language, and Nos. 84 to 85 of the foreign books, and Nos. 1 to 7 of the new series, in all 3,100 copies were issued and given to readers free of charge.

The following additions have been made to our card catalogues :

To the main catalogue.....	5,477	cards	80	guides.
" " reference department catalogue....	3,351	"	94	"
" " Fifth Avenue branch catalogue....	1,395	"	23	"
Total.....	10,223	"	197	"

We have received through donations 341 volumes of books and 368 pamphlets.

These gifts have all been acknowledged and the appendix to be attached to this report will contain the names of the donors together with the titles of their donations.

We again extend our thanks to the friends who have so kindly remembered us, and beg to assure them that their friendly interest in the Library is gratefully appreciated.

A comparison of our business with that of the same period of last year, shows that while our membership has decreased, thereby causing a falling off in our revenue, the number of books circulated is 8,287 volumes in excess of the circulation of the same period last year.

Our loss in receipts has been very largely due to the decrease in the number of new members that have joined the Library.

One hundred and fifty-four less persons have become members than during the corresponding period last year.

It has been noted, and our records attest the fact, that during all periods of commercial depression our Institution invariably suffers from the unsettled conditions prevailing in the business world.

It would be unreasonable to expect that we should escape at this time.

It is with much pleasure that we record the fact that the Trustees of Clinton Hall have been enabled during the past year to make a very material reduction in the amount of the liabilities on our building, and we earnestly hope that during the ensuing year still further reductions may be made and that we shall receive from the Trustees the aid and assistance which is so urgently needed in the development of the Library and the prosecution of our work.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Board.

MANUEL H. ELKIN,

Vice-President.

NEW YORK, Jan. 9, 1894.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The seventy-third annual meeting of the Mercantile Library Association was held at the library on Tuesday evening, January 9, 1894.

In the absence of the president of the Association, Mr. Charles H. Lyon, who was prevented from being present on account of severe illness, the meeting was called to order by the vice-president of the Association, Mr. Manuel H. Elkin.

The minutes of the seventy-second annual meeting were read by the secretary, Mr. A. Wetmore, and on motion were approved.

The secretary read the report of Mr. M. C. D. Borden, the treasurer of Clinton Hall Association, which was received and ordered to be printed with annual report.

The report of the treasurer of the Association was read, adopted, and ordered to be printed.

The vice-president presented the seventy-third annual report, which was approved and the usual number of copies ordered to be printed for the use of the members of the Association.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

A. WETMORE,

Secretary.

APPENDIXES TO ANNUAL REPORT.

[APPENDIX I.]

TREASURER'S REPORT OF THE MERCANTILE
LIBRARY ASSOCIATION,*For eight months ending December 31, 1893.*

RECEIPTS.

Balance, April 30, 1893.....		\$1,354 13
Initiation fees.....	\$ 794 00	
Semi-annual dues.....	8,601 00	
Duplicate accounts.....	415 50	
Amount received for extra books and fines.....	1,947 35	
Catalogues.....	23 80	
Duplicate books.....	871 10	
Book delivery.....	167 20	
Interest.....	890 00	
Clinton Hall.....	1,414 50	
Old paper.....	25 84	
		<u>15,150 29</u>
		<u>\$16,504 42</u>

EXPENDITURES.

Books.....	\$2,773 39	
Periodicals.....	507 12	
Fixtures.....	264 89	
Incidentals.....	341 40	
Salaries.....	5,802 59	
Down-town branch.....	1,092 64	
Fifth Avenue branch.....	2,268 06	
Book delivery.....	228 95	
Binding.....	741 90	
Stationery and printing.....	629 19	
Catalogue.....	600 00	
Postage.....	75 79	
Advertising.....	153 85	
Insurance.....	372 00	
		<u>\$15,851 77</u>
Balance, Astor Place Bank.....		652 65
		<u>\$16,504 42</u>

[APPENDIX II.]

REPORT OF M. C. D. BORDEN, TREASURER OF CLINTON HALL ASSOCIATION.

For eight months ending Jan. 8, 1894.

LIBRARY FUND.—RECEIPTS.

From building account..... \$1,490 25

EXPENDITURES.

Binding..... \$314 50
Electric Lamps..... 75 75
\$390 25

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Fifth Avenue branch \$1,100 00
1,490 25

BUILDING FUND.

Cash on hand May 3, 1893..... \$ 8,294 87
Receipts from rents..... 30,560 02
Loan Astor Place Bank..... 20,000 00
\$58,854 89

EXPENDITURES.

Paid loan..... \$30,000 00
Interest..... 7,449 17
Insurance 1,435 50
Coal..... 1,693 80
Gas 46 35
Taxes..... 2,706 80
Expenses, administration..... 6,008 57
" repairs..... 1,271 47
\$50,609 66
Library account..... 1,490 25
Building account..... 2,522 55
\$54,622 46
Cash in bank..... 4,232 43
58,854 89

Cost of building..... \$500,102 13

Insurance on building \$400,000 00
Insurance on books..... 66,571 86

LIABILITIES.

Bond and mortgage..... \$275,000 00
Loan Astor Place Bank..... 20,000 00

M. C. D. BORDEN, *Treasurer.*

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[APPENDIX III.]

BOOK ACCOUNT.

Number of volumes April 30, 1893.....	241,
“ “ added since by purchase.....	3,120
“ “ added since by donation.....	341
	<u>3,461</u>
English books added.....	3,173
French books added.....	144
German books added.....	118
Other foreign books added.....	26
	<u>3,461</u>
Folio.....	85
Quarto.....	186
Octavo.....	995
Duodecimo.....	2,141
16mo and 24mo.....	54
	<u>3,461</u>
On theology and religious literature.....	111
“ mental and moral philosophy.....	83
“ political and social sciences.....	197
“ literature and language.....	107
“ history, geography and travels.....	351
“ biography.....	218
General works and reference books.....	483
On natural science and mathematics.....	85
“ medical science.....	29
“ the arts.....	155
Fiction, English.....	1,446
“ French.....	85
“ German.....	87
“ Italian.....	20
“ Spanish.....	4
	<u>1,642</u>
	<u>3,461</u>
Less surples and imperfect books sold.....	1,395
	<u>2,</u>
Total number of volumes December 31, 1893.....	243,
Pamphlets added.....	468
Periodicals bound (volumes).....	278
	<u>243,</u>
Number of volumes at the up-town branch April 30th.....	24,002
Added May 1st to December 31st.....	874
Withdrawn May 1st to December 31st.....	564
	<u>310</u>
Total number of volumes at up-town branch December 31, 1893.....	24,

[APPENDIX V.]

LIST OF DONORS

TO THE

MERCANTILE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION.

For eight months ending Dec. 31, 1893.

	VOLS.	PAM.
Albany, N. Y., Albany Medical College.....		2
Amherst, Mass., Amherst College.....		1
Aron, Joseph, Paris, France.....		1
Avery, Elroy McKendree, Cleveland, O.....		1
Balch, Edwin Swift, Philadelphia, Pa.....	I	
Baltimore, Md., Enoch Pratt Free Library.....	I	
" " Johns Hopkins University.....		4
" " Peabody Institute.....		1
Beck, F. C.....		6
Benjamin, Marcus.....		6
Berkeley, Cal., University of California.....		1
Blauvelt, Rev. C. R., Nyack, N. Y.....		1
Boston, Mass., Boston Athenæum.....		1
" " Children's Hospital.....		23
" " Mexican Central Railway Co., Lim.....	I	
" " Public Library.....		1
" " Record Commissioners.....	I	
Bradlee, Rev. Caleb Davis, D.D., Boston, Mass.....	I	
Brainerd, Ezra LL.D., Middlebury, Vt.....		1
Bridgeport, Conn., Public Library.....		1
Brooklyn, N. Y., Brooklyn Library.....		1
" " Department of Health.....		32
" " Long Island Historical Society.....	I	
Brooks, Francis A., Boston, Mass.....		1
Bruce, Miss M. W.....	I	
Brunswick, Me., Bowdoin College.....		3
Buenos Aires, Biblioteca Nacional.....	I	
Buffalo, N. Y., Buffalo Library.....		1
Cambridge, Mass., Harvard University.....	I	3
Chicago, Ill., Board of Trade.....	I	
" " Department of Public Works.....	I	
" " Public Library.....		1
Cincinnati, O., Public Library.....		3
Crary, J. D.....	I	
Crunden, Frederick M., St. Louis, Mo.....		1
Denver, Col., Public Library.....		1
Depew, Hon. Chauncy M.....		2
DePeyster, John Watts.....		1
Des Moines, Iowa, Iowa State Library.....	I	
Doggett, Samuel B., Boston, Mass.....		1
Doremus, Miss Sarah D.....	14	
Dusenbury, Mrs. Lillian.....	I	

	VOLS.	PAM.
Emery, Jonas A., Lieut. U.S.A., Sackett's Harbor, N.Y.....	1	
Fall River, Mass., Public Library.....		1
Florence, Italy, Biblioteca Nazionale Centrale.....		1
Fry, James B., Brev. Maj.-General.....	1	
Funk & Wagnalls Company.....	1	
Georgia Historical Society, Savannah, Ga.....		1
Gibson, Joseph W.....	1	
Glasgow, Scotl., Baillie's Institution Free Library.....		4
Greene, W. L. & Co., Boston, Mass.....		1
Greenwood, Isaac J.....	1	
Handsworth, Engl., Public Library.....		1
Hartford, Conn., Connecticut Historical Society.....		2
" " Hartford Library Association.....	1	3
" " Hartford Theological Seminary.....		1
" " Trinity College.....		1
Heard, John M.....	1	
Heirsemann, Karl W., Leipzig.....	1	
Hill, Hon. David B.....	4	
Hoboken Ferry Co., Hoboken, N. J.....		3
Hoepli, Ulrico, Milano, Italy.....	1	
Hulbert, Edwin J., Rome, Italy.....	1	
Indianapolis, Ind., Physio-Medical College of Indiana.....		5
Ithaca, N. Y., Cornell University.....		3
Jersey City, N. J., Free Public Library.....		9
Julien, Alexis A., Ph.D.....	1	1
King, Moses King, Boston, Mass.....	1	
Lawrence, Mass., Public Library.....		2
Leoser, Charles McK.....	1	
Lincoln, Nebr., University of Nebraska.....		3
Lockwood, Henry C., Col.....	2	
London, Engl., Howard Association.....		6
" " Society of Arts.....	1	
Lynn, Mass., Public Library.....		1
McCook, Hon. Anson G., General.....	5	
Manchester, Engl., Public Free Libraries.....		1
Martin, Mrs. John B.....	1	
Miller & Sibley, Franklin, Pa.....	3	
Milwaukee, Wisc., Public Library.....		5
Montreal, Can., Royal Society of Canada.....	1	
Morton, Hon. Levi P.....	2	1
Moses, Zebina, Washington, D. C.....	1	
National Eclectic Medical Association.....	1	
New Haven, Conn., Yale University.....		3
" " Yale University Observatory.....		1
New Jersey, State of, Adjutant-General.....	1	
" " State Geologist.....	1	
" " State Library.....	1	
New York, State of, Chamber of Commerce.....	2	
" " Civil Service Commission.....	2	
" " Secretary of State.....	13	
" " State Library.....		3
" " State Reservation at Niagara.....		1
New York, City of, Board of Education.....	4	
" " Bureau of Elections.....		1

	VOLS.	PAM.
New York, City of, Department of Public Parks, Meteorological Observatory.....	1	6
" " Health Department.....	3	
New York, Aguilar Free Library Society.....		1
" American Bible Society.....		1
" American Home Missionary Society.....		2
" American Museum of Natural History.....		1
" Association of the Bar.....	1	
" Children's Aid Society.....		1
" College of the City of New York.....		1
" Consolidated Stock and Petroleum Exchange.....	1	
" Cooper Union.....		1
" Free Circulating Library.....	6	
" General Society of Mechanics and Tradesmen.....		1
" Hebrew Technical Institute.....		2
" Isabella Heimath.....		1
" New York Academy of Science.....		7
" " College of Veterinary Surgeons.....		1
" " Institution for the Blind.....		2
" " Medical College and Hospital for Women.....		1
" " State Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.....	1	
" Produce Exchange.....	1	
" Railroad Men's Library.....		1
" Roosevelt Hospital.....		3
" Scientific Alliance.....		2
" Society Library.....		1
" Thirteen Club.....		1
" Union League Club.....	1	
" Union Theological Seminary.....		1
" Women's Medical College of the New York Infirmary.....		1
" Young Men's Christian Association of the City of New York.....		1
New York State Pharmaceutical Association.....	1	
Newark, N. J., Free Public Library.....	1	1
Newport, R. I., Redwood Library and Athenæum.....		1
Newton, Mass., Free Library.....		1
North Adams, Mass., Public Library.....		7
Oberlin, O., Oberlin College.....		1
O'Neill, Rev. J. P., O. P., Memphis, Tenn.....	1	
Palo Alto, Cal., Leland Stanford Junior University.....		1
Paterson, N. J., Free Public Library.....		2
Peora, Ill., Public Library.....		6
Philadelphia, Pa., American Anti-Vivisection Society.....		9
" " Indian Rights Association.....		59
" " Library Company.....		2
" " Mercantile Library Company.....		3
" " Pennsylvania Prison Society.....		1
Poole, Murray Edward, Ithaca, N. Y.....	1	
Pope, Albert A., Boston, Mass.....		1
Portland, Me., Maine Genealogical Society.....		1
Providence, R. I., Builders Iron Foundry.....		1
" " Providence Athenæum.....		1
" " Public Library.....		1
" " Rhode Island Historical Society.....		3
Quebec, Can., Université Laval.....		20
Rochester, N. Y., Academy of Science.....		1

	VOLS.	PAM.
Royal Commission for the British Section of the Chicago Exhibition..	1	
St. John, O. S., M. D.....		1
St. Joseph, Mo., Free Public Library.....		1
St. Louis, Mo., Public Library.....		1
St. Paul, Minn., Minnesota Historical Society.....	1	
Salem, Mass., Essex Institute.....		5
San Francisco, Cal., Mechanics' Institute.....		2
" " Mercantile Library Association.....		1
Santa Clara, Cal., Santa Clara College.....		12
Saranac Lake, N. Y., Adirondack Library.....		1
Scientific Publishing Company.....	1	
Scranton, Pa., Public Library.....	1	
Simrock, Joseph, M. D.....	4	
Sonnenschein & Co., Swan, London, Engl.....	1	
Springfield, Mass., City Library Association.....		1
Steell, Willis.....	2	
Sullivan, J. W., Montclair, N. J.....	1	
Taunton, Mass., Public Library.....		1
Textile Publishing Co.....		1
Tokyo, Japan, Tokyo Library.....		1
Toronto, Can., Public Library.....		1
U. S. Department of Agriculture. Division of Entomology.....		16
" " " " Division of Ornithology and Mam-		
malogy.....	3	2
" " " " Office of Experiment Stations....		8
" " " " Weather Bureau.....		3
U. S. Department of Labor.....	5	
U. S. Department of State.....	13	10
" " " " Bureau of the American Republics.....	6	11
U. S. Department of the Interior.....	99	21
" " " " Bureau of Education.....	7	9
" " " " Census Office.....		13
" " " " Civil Service Commission.....	1	
" " " " Interstate Commerce Commission ..	1	
" " " " National Museum.....	2	8
" " " " Patent Office.....	13	
U. S. Department of the Navy, Hydrographic Office..... 9 charts.		
" " " " Naval Observatory.....		1
" " " " Office of Naval Intelligence.....	1	
U. S. Department of the Treasury, Bureau of Navigation.....	3	
" " " " Bureau of Statistics.....	1	6
" " " " Coast and Geodetic Survey.....		2
" " " " Life-Saving Service.....	1	
U. S. Department of War.....	2	9
" " " " Chief of Ordnance.....	1	
" " " " Surgeon-General's Office.....	1	
Unknown Friends.....	2	1
Walker, Joseph B., Concord, N. H.....	1	
Washington, D. C., Smithsonian Institute.....	6	1
Waterhouse, Sylvester, St. Louis, Mo.....		12
Welsh, Herbert, Philadelphia, Pa.....		1
Wing, Mrs. L. J.....	1	
Worcester, Mass., Free Public Library.....		1
Young Men's Christian Associations of North America.....	1	
Zuille, John J.....		1

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[APPENDIX VI.]

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W. T. PEOPLES.

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T. J. TITUS.

CIRCULATING DEPARTMENT

CHAS. COX.

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ANDREW SHILLAND, JR.

[APPENDIX VII.]

TRUSTEES OF THE PERMANENT CATALOGUE
FUND.

MANUEL H. ELKIN,

President Mercantile Library Association, ex-officio.

A. WETMORE, JR.

Secretary Mercantile Library Association, ex-officio.

ISAAC H. BAILEY,

President of the Clinton Hall Association, ex-officio.

DANIEL F. APPLETON, ARTHUR W. SHERMAN.

From the Members at Large.

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Secretary.

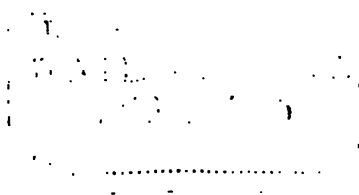
M. C. D. BORDEN.

Treasurer.

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Seventy-fourth Annual Report

1894





SEVENTY-FOURTH
ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTION
OF THE
Mercantile Library
ASSOCIATION
OF THE
CITY OF NEW YORK
FOR THE YEAR 1894

PRESIDENTS OF THE ASSOCIATION FROM ITS ORGANIZATION.

1820-23—LUCIUS BULL.	1863-64—CHARLES H. SWORDS.
1823-24—CORNELIUS SAVAGE.	1864-65—THEODORE H. VULTEF.
1824-26—BENJAMIN I. SEWARD.	1865-66—ROBT. WALKER IRWIN.
1827-31—R. B. BROWN.	1866-67—AARON C. ALLEN.
1832-34—JOHN W. STEBBINS.	1867-68—ALEXANDER RHIND.
1834-35—R. R. BOYD.	1868-69—CHARLES F. ALLEN.
1836-37—CHARLES ROLFE.	1869-70—M. C. D. BORDEN.
1838.....EDMUND COFFIN.	1870.....M. C. D. BORDEN.
1839.....JOHN S. WINTHROP.	1871.....CHARLES F. ALLEN.
1839.....ELIJAH WARD.	1871-72—ARTHUR W. SHERMAN.
1840.....AUGUSTUS E. SILLIMAN.	1872.....CHARLES H. WILSON.
1841.....HECTOR MORISON.	1872-73—PETER VOORHIS.
1842.....JOHN T. ROLLINS.	1873-74—CHARLES S. ARTHUR.
1843.....LEWIS McMULLEN.	1874-75—SAM'L PUTNAM.
1843.....RICHARD BURLEW.	1875-76—CHAS. C. HOUGH.
1844-45—CHARLES E. MILNOR.	1876-77—WM. H. GUION, JR.
1846-47—CORNELIUS L. EVERITT.	1877-78—WM. H. GUION, JR.
1848.....THOMAS W. GROSER.	1878-79—SEYMOUR A. BUNCE.
1849.....ISAAC H. BAILEY.	1879-80—W. D. SEARLS.
1850.....THOMAS J. BAYAUD.	1880-81—CHARLES H. PATRICK.
1851.....HENRY A. OAKLEY.	1881-82—CHARLES H. PATRICK.
1852.....GEORGE PECKHAM.	1882-83—A. WETMORE, JR.
1853.....WILLARD L. FELT.	1883-84—ALEX. M. EAGLESON.
1854.....DANIEL F. APPLETON.	1884-85—A. H. TIMPSON.
1855.....D. REYNOLDS BUDD.	1885-86—JAMES MAGEE.
1855-56—GEORGE C. WOOD.	1886-87—JOHN BYERS.
1856-57—JOHN CRERAR.	1887-88—J. L. GRAHAM.
1857-58—ROWLAND H. TIMPSON.	1888-89—F. A. SANDLAND.
1857-58—ALEXANDER P. FISKE.	1889-90—T. S. RUMNEY.
1858-59—E. BOUDINOT SERVOS.	1890-91—CHAS. WAGER HULL.
1859-60—RICHARD A. BACHIA.	1891-92—CHARLES H. PATRICK.
1860-61—CHAS. E. KING SHERMAN.	1892-93—T. S. RUMNEY.
1861-62—CHARLES F. ALLEN.	1893.....CHARLES H. LYON.
1862-63—CHARLES OSGOOD.	1894.....MANUEL H. ELKIN.

OFFICERS AND MEMBERS
OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTION
AND
OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION FOR 1894.

President, MANUEL H. ELKIN.

Vice-President, LINCOLN A. STUART.

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Secretary, A. WETMORE, JR.

Directors :

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SEVENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT.

To the Members of the Mercantile Library:

Mr. Manuel H. Elkin having resigned the presidency of the Association to which he was elected in January, 1894, it becomes incumbent upon me to present for your information this evening the history of the Library's business for the past twelve months.

The reports presented from year to year, treating as they necessarily must, of identical matter, cannot help but bear a close resemblance one to another.

While we have no unusual topic to present, we are pleased to state that the volume of our business for the year shows a very gratifying increase

MEMBERSHIP.

The total number of members on December 31, 1893, was.		3,248
Active members added since last report	199	
Subscribing " " " " " "	1,117	
Permanent " " " " " "	1	
	<hr/>	1,317
Active members' accounts closed.	209	
Subscribing " " " " " "	1,011	
	<hr/>	1,220
An increase since last report of.		97
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		3,345
Number of active members, December 31, 1894.	900	
" subscribing " " " " " "	2,444	
" permanent " " " " " "	1	
" honorary " " " " " "	44	
" editors using the Library.	14	
Members of Clinton Hall Association.	1,701	
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Total number of persons entitled to use the Library December 31, 1894.		5,104

CIRCULATION OF BOOKS.

No. of books issued from the library :	Astor Place.....	101,955	volumes.
" " " " "	Fifth Avenue branch..	50,979	"
" " " " "	The down-town branch	23,939	"
Total circulation for the year.....		176,873	"

The number of books delivered by messengers at members' residences, or places of business, was as follows :

From the Library, Astor Place.....	2,313	volumes.
" Fifth Avenue branch.....	3,526	"
Total delivery	5,839	"

Classification of the circulation :

	VOLUMES.	PER CENT.
Theology.....	3,389	1.92
Mental and moral philosophy.....	2,915	1.65
Political and social sciences.....	4,805	2.69
Literature and language.....	14,400	8.14
History, geography and travels.....	18,813	10.64
Biography.....	10,517	5.95
General works.....	17,484	9.89
Natural science and mathematics.....	3,759	2.13
Medical science.....	822	.47
The arts.....	5,032	2.85
Fiction, English.....	85,746	48.48
" French.....	6,055	3.42
" German.....	3,080	1.74
" other foreign.....	56	.3
Total.....	176,873	100.00

MONTHLY CIRCULATION.

January.....	18,225	volumes.
February.....	15,943	"
March.....	18,357	"
April.....	16,757	"
May.....	17,626	"
June.....	15,948	"
July.....	10,706	"
August.....	8,174	"
September.....	9,518	"
October.....	14,641	"
November.....	15,241	"
December.....	15,737	"
Total.....	176,873	"

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The above circulation is the largest in a single year since 1878.

The average monthly circulation was 14,739½ volumes.

The average daily circulation was 580 volumes.

The largest daily circulation was 1,059 volumes on February 10th, and the smallest 185 volumes on September 1st.

Five thousand, four hundred and fifty-nine notices were sent to members to return books kept over time.

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

The use of books in the department for reference, exclusive of the use made of the encyclopædias, dictionaries and other reference books to which the members have free access, and of which no record is kept, was as follows :

	VOLUMES.	PER CENT.
Theology and religious literature.....	1,615	3.53
Mental and moral philosophy.....	1,249	2.72
Political and social science.....	3,003	6.54
Literature and language.....	8,199	17.85
History, geography and travels.....	6,995	15.24
Biography.....	3,327	7.25
General works.....	13,309	29.04
Natural science and mathematics.....	2,219	4.85
Medical science.....	402	.88
The arts.....	3,416	7.44
Fiction, English.....	2,097	4.55
" French.....	39	.08
" German.....	15	.03
Total.....	45,885	100.00

BOOKS ADDED TO THE LIBRARY IN 1894.

By purchase.....	5,101	volumes.
By donation.....	455	"
	5,556	"

The deductions are as follows :

Books lost and paid for.....	85	volumes.
" " unaccounted for.....	26	"
" worn out and condemned.....	677	"
Duplicate books sold.....	1,337	"
	2,125	"
Net increase for the year.....	3,431	"
Number of volumes January 1, 1894.....	243,083	
" " " 1, 1895.....	246,514	

The two most popular publications of the year, judged by the demand and the extent of our purchases, were "Trilby," by George Du Maurier, of which one hundred copies were purchased, and the "Manxman," by Hall Caine.

The worn and soiled books were given to the Charity Organization Society of this city.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

The total income of the Library for the year, from all sources, was \$26,164.34.

The total expenditures were \$24,979.12.

The expenditures for books, periodicals and binding amounted to \$8,193.23.

The maintenance of the branch libraries cost \$5,462.90.

All the details of the receipts and expenditures will be found in the Treasurer's report.

READING ROOM STATISTICS.

	Attendance.
January.....	2,317
February.....	2,098
March.....	2,488
April.....	2,320
May.....	2,039
June.....	1,961
July.....	1,383
August.....	1,494
September.....	1,867
October.....	2,263
November.....	1,986
December.....	2,420
Total.....	<u>24,636</u>
Monthly average attendance.....	2,053
Daily " ".....	81
Average attendance from 6 to 9 P. M.....	15½

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BRANCH LIBRARY, 426 Fifth Avenue.

The number of books issued from this branch was as follows :

January.....	5,686 volumes.
February..	4,487 "
March.....	5,478 "
April.....	5,050 "
May.....	5,371 "
June.....	5,018 "
July.....	2,397 "
August.....	1,005 "
September.....	1,947 "
October.....	4,243 "
November.....	4,887 "
December.....	5,410 "
Total circulation.....	50,979

CLASSIFICATION OF THE CIRCULATION.

Theology and religious literature.....	285 volumes.
Mental and moral philosophy.....	492 "
Political and social sciences.....	403 "
Literature and language.....	1,344 "
History, geography and travels.....	3,302 "
Biography.....	2,461 "
General works.....	1,396 "
Natural science and mathematics.....	446 "
Medical science.....	109 "
The arts.....	488 "
Fiction, English.....	37,508 "
" French.....	1,765 "
" German.....	949 "
" other foreign.....	31 "
Total.....	50,979 "

The average monthly circulation was 4,248 $\frac{1}{2}$ volumes.

The average daily circulation was 175 1-5 volumes.

The largest number of books issued in a single day was 360 volumes on May 29th, and the smallest, 36 volumes on September 19th.

Two thousand one hundred and twenty-four notices were sent from this branch for the return of books kept over time. The number of persons using this branch on January 1st, 1895, was 1,559.

Members and subscribers.....	1,210
Clinton Hall members.....	349
Total.....	1,559

DOWN-TOWN BRANCH, 120 Broadway.

The number of volumes circulated through this branch for the year was 23,939, being the largest circulation in any single year since 1888.

CLASSIFICATION.

Theology and religious literature.....	282	volumes.
Mental and moral philosophy.....	216	"
Political and social sciences.....	339	"
Literature and language.....	566	"
History, geography and travels.....	1,860	"
Biography.....	858	"
General works.....	1,614	"
Natural science and mathematics.....	264	"
Medical science.....	58	"
The arts.....	172	"
Fiction, English.....	16,577	"
" French.....	926	"
" German.....	207	"
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	23,939	

CATALOGUES AND READERS' AIDS.

Printed accession lists of the books added to the Library, Nos. 1-19 inclusive, in all numbering 2,400 copies, were issued and given to the members free of charge.

Bulletin No. 15, containing the accessions from November 1892 to October 1894, was issued in the month of December.

The following shows the additions which have been made to our card catalogue.

To the main catalogue.....	4,824	cards	78	guides
To the reference department catalogue.....	3,215	"	89	"
To the Fifth Avenue branch.....	1,530	"	25	"
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Total.....	9,569		192	

BEQUESTS AND DONATIONS.

Since the last report the Board of Directors received notice that Mr. Thomas Parsons had bequeathed to the Association the sum of \$100.

The executors of Mr. Parson's estate have paid this amount, and it has been deposited in the Institution for the Savings of Merchants' Clerks.

Mr. Parsons was for many years, and up to the time of his death, an active and honored member of the Library. During life he gave expression of his appreciation for and of the benefits he had derived from the use of the Library, and we think it safe to surmise he had these in mind when making the will wherein the Library was remembered.

Such gifts as this are gratefully appreciated and are of lasting benefit; not only to our Institution, but to those who make use of it; and we trust Mr. Parson's example may be emulated by others, not only of our members but people outside of the membership who may feel inclined to aid and assist in improving and elevating the condition of their fellow-beings.

To the friends who have remembered us during the year by the donation of books and pamphlets, we again extend our grateful acknowledgements.

The appendix to be attached to this report will contain a list of the books and pamphlets donated, with the names of the donors.

To Mr. Andrew Shiland, Jr., the counsel for the Association, our thanks are due for valuable and gratuitous services rendered during the year.

BOARD OF DIRECTION.

For the information of the members we submit herewith the following resignation received from Mr. Manuel H. Elkin, in September last, and the resolution adopted by your board.

NEW YORK, September 7th, 1894.

WM. T. PEOPLES, Esq.

LIBRARIAN, MERCANTILE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION, N. Y.

DEAR MR. PEOPLES:—Having been made, on the 1st inst., a partner in the firm in which I have served as a clerk for the last twenty-three years, and by such change in my business life become ineligible to hold office in the Directory of the Library, I now regretfully bid you and my colleagues on the Board good-bye, and retire once again into the ranks of the subscribers and friends of the Library.

Kindly express to the individual members of the Board my regrets at parting with them, and assure them that I shall always hold in happy remembrance the many pleasant hours passed together in the Board Room during the years of 1892, 1893 and 1894, and that my retirement from the Board will in no wise impair my interest in the welfare of the Library nor lessen the measure of my sincere esteem for its present Board of Directors.

Fraternally yours,

M. H. ELKIN.

NEW YORK, December 12, 1894.

Resolved, That this Board has received with regret the resignation of MR. MANUEL H. ELKIN as a Director of the Board of Direction and President of the Association.

The uniform genial courtesy which Mr. Elkin has always manifested toward the members of the Board has endeared him to all, and while we congratulate him on his admission as a member of the firm with which he has been so long connected, we desire to record the expression of our regret at the severing of his relations with this board.

Resolved, That the Secretary of this Board be instructed to transmit a copy of these resolutions to Mr. Elkin.

The vacancy in the Board caused by the resignation of Mr. Elkin has been filled by the election of Mr. Charles S. Douglas.

EXHIBITION OF BOOKS.

The yearly exhibition of the art and illustrated books contained in the Library was held on Wednesday, February 7th, 1894.

The great interest heretofore manifested by the members of the Library and their friends in these attractive displays of our art books was fully maintained on this occasion. The capacity of our rooms to accommodate all those who attended was taxed to the fullest extent from the opening until the closing hour, ten o'clock P. M.

CONCLUSION.

In closing we desire to call your attention to the report which you have heard read, of Mr. M. C. D. Borden, treasurer of Clinton Hall Association, and to the remarks of Mr. Isaac H. Baily, the president.

It is exceedingly gratifying to learn that the financial condition of Clinton Hall Association is such that we can be assured of receiving in the very near future the assistance which we so very much need, thus assuring the prosecution and completion of necessary work long held in abeyance in consequence of the lack of funds.

Respectfully submitted in behalf of the Board of Directors.

LINCOLN A. STUART,

NEW YORK, January 8, 1895.

Vice-President.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The seventy-fourth annual meeting of the Mercantile Library Association was held at the library on Tuesday evening, January the 8th, 1895.

Mr. Lincoln A. Stuart, the vice-president of the Association, occupied the chair.

The minutes of the 73d annual meeting were read by the secretary of the Association, Mr. A. Wetmore, and on motion were approved.

The secretary read the reports of Mr. Isaac H. Bailey, president of Clinton Hall Association, and of Mr. M. C. D. Borden, the treasurer.

These reports were received and ordered to be printed with the annual report.

The report of Mr. W. D. Searls, the treasurer of the Mercantile Library Association, was read and adopted and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Stuart presented the 74th annual report, which on motion was approved and the usual number of copies ordered to be printed for the use of the members.

The meeting then adjourned.

A. WETMORE,
Secretary.

APPENDIXES TO ANNUAL REPORT.

[APPENDIX I.]

TREASURER'S REPORT OF THE MERCANTILE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION,

For the year ending December 31, 1894.

RECEIPTS.

Balance, December 31, 1893.....		\$652.65
Initiation fees.....	\$ 1,317 00	
Annual and semi-annual dues.....	13,808 30	
Duplicate accounts.....	639 00	
Amount received for extra books and fines.....	3,161 74	
Catalogues.....	44 30	
Duplicate book.....	1,124 59	
Interest.....	1,030 00	
Book delivery.....	327 80	
Clinton Hall Association.....	3,728 94	
Old paper.....	44 82	
Permanent catalogue fund interest.....	185 20	
Bequest of Thomas Parsons.....	100 00	
		25,511 69
		\$26,164 34

EXPENDITURES.

Books.....	\$5,549 43	
Periodicals.....	1,461 39	
Binding.....	1,182 41	
Salaries.....	7,654 23	
Fixtures.....	104 56	
Incidentals.....	500 94	
Down-town branch.....	1,794 97	
Fifth Avenue branch.....	3,667 93	
Stationery and printing.....	935 63	
Catalogue.....	921 49	
Book delivery.....	362 25	
Postage.....	159 17	
Advertising.....	200 72	
Insurance.....	384 00	
Institution for Savings of Merchants' Clerks.....	100 00	
		\$24,979 12
Balance, Astor Place Bank.....		1,185 22
		\$26,164 34

[APPENDIX II.]

NEW YORK, January 4, 1895.

*To the President and Directors of the Mercantile Library
Association :*

GENTLEMEN—

I hand you herewith the annual report of M. C. D. Borden, treasurer of the Clinton Hall Association.

You will perceive that we are getting into an improved financial condition. The floating debt of \$30,000 brought upon us by the unfortunate mistakes of management of the building operations has been reduced to \$7,500, and there is every prospect that it will be extinguished in a few months.

The depression which has enveloped the country for a period of twenty months has been the means of diminishing our revenue considerably as we have quite a number of offices vacant. We hope that with the return of better times, we shall be able to find tenants for all the premises not used by the Mercantile Library.

The receipts of the Clinton Hall Association include a legacy derived from Wilson G. Hunt of \$2,000. The amount was so small as to be disappointing, but we are glad to receive even a little gift.

It is somewhat difficult to comprehend how it can be that so many men who have grown rich in commercial pursuits neglect to bequeath a part of their hoard to an institution which is an educator of the men who are growing up to be the future pillars of the commerce of the Metropolis of the new world. They could not possibly apply money more usefully. That so few of them remember the Library in their wills, is an evidence that they knew better how to make money than how to bestow it. The explanation of that doubtless is, that when they were accumulating wealth their faculties were in full vigor, when they were making arrangements to bestow it, their minds and bodies were weak and their testamentary capacity defective.

The Trustees regret that it is not feasible for them to add to the library treasures of the Mercantile Library for the present.

But they must, in prudence, curtail the debt until it becomes clearly manageable. That, the officers of both Institutions must equally regard as essential.

The relations between the two organizations are happily harmonious and fraternal. As both are intent upon the one object of adding to the stock of knowledge of the young men of New York, who are in training to conduct its business in the years to come, it is natural they should act together in entire accord with a view of making the Mercantile Library one of the best instrumentalities of good in this great city.

With hearty good wishes, gentlemen, I remain,

Yours always,

ISAAC H. BAILEY,

President.

CLINTON HALL ASSOCIATION.

[APPENDIX III.]
ANNUAL REPORT OF M. C. D. BORDEN, TREASURER
OF CLINTON HALL ASSOCIATION.

New York, January 3d, 1895.

LIBRARY FUND.—RECEIPTS.

From building account..... \$3,728 94

EXPENDITURES.

Fifth Avenue branch	\$2,200 00	
Down-town branch.....	300 00	
Printing annual report.....	20 00	
Clerical services.....	600 00	
Binding and re-binding.....	608 94	
		\$3,728 94

BUILDING FUND.—RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand January 8th, 1894.....	\$ 4,232 43	
Legacy W. G. Hunt.....	2,000 00	
Rents received.....	43,215 76	
		\$49,448 19

EXPENDITURES.

Paid on loans.....	\$12,500 00	
Coal.....	2,380 63	
Gas.....	85 96	
Insurance.....	666 40	
Interest.....	12,994 72	
Taxes.....	3,175 48	
Expense administration.....	9,615 80	
" repairs.....	1,136 46	
		\$42,555 45
Library account.....	3,728 94	
Building account.....	1,244 79	
		47,529 18
Cash in bank.....	1,919 01	\$49,448 19
Cost of building	\$501,346 94	
Insurance on building.....	\$400,000 00	
" on books.....	66,571 86	

LIABILITIES.

Bond and mortgage.....	\$275,000 00
Loan Astor Place Bank.....	7,500 00

M. C. D. BORDEN, *Treasurer.*

[APPENDIX IV.]

BOOK ACCOUNT.

Number of volumes December 31, 1893.....	243,083
" " added since by purchase.....	5,089
" " " " " donation.....	467
	<u>5,556</u>
English books added.....	5,101
French " "	241
German " "	178
Other foreign books added.....	36
	<u>5,556</u>
Folio.....	176
Quarto.....	266
Octavo.....	1,299
Duodecimo.....	3,732
16mo and 24mo.....	83
	<u>5,556</u>
On theology and religious literature	98
" mental and moral philosophy.....	87
" political and social sciences.....	366
" literature and language.....	215
" history, geography, and travels.....	556
" biography.....	274
General works and reference books.....	516
On natural science and mathematics.....	145
" medical science.....	52
" the arts.....	234
Fiction English.....	2,733
" French.....	151
" German.....	118
" Italian.....	5
" Spanish.....	6
	<u>3,013</u>
	<u>5,556</u>
Less surplus and imperfect books sold.....	2,125
	<u>3,431</u>
Total number of volumes December 31, 1894.....	<u>246,514</u>
Pamphlets added.....	592
Periodicals bound (volumes)	431
Number of volumes at the up-town branch December 31, 1893....	24,312
Added January 1st to December 31st, 1894....	1,488
Withdrawn " " " " " "	75
	<u>1,313</u>
Total number of volumes at up-town branch December 31, 1894.....	<u>25,625</u>

[APPENDIX V.]

BINDING.

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1894	NEW BOOKS.				TOTAL	OLD BOOKS.				GRAND TOTAL.	
	Half Morocco	Duck	Half Roan	Cloth		Duck	Half Morocco	Cloth	Re-cased		TOTAL
January	1	83	1	50	135	5	—	27	53	85	220
February	—	60	—	80	140	11	—	23	32	66	206
March	—	59	—	111	170	11	—	29	24	64	234
April	—	6	4	57	51	—	—	39	32	122	179
May	2	46	—	72	120	30	—	43	61	134	254
June	1	23	—	56	80	13	—	10	38	61	141
July	—	43	—	65	108	13	—	21	26	60	168
August	8	39	—	44	91	—	13	11	39	63	154
September	16	15	—	45	76	—	7	—	36	43	119
October	23	20	—	43	86	—	8	13	48	69	155
November	10	7	—	52	69	—	16	13	25	54	123
December	20	6	—	52	78	—	15	27	29	71	149
TOTAL	81	403	5	717	1,210	134	59	256	443	892	2,102

[APPENDIX VI.]

LIST OF DONORS

TO THE

MERCANTILE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION,

For the year ending December 31, 1894.

	VOLS.	PAM.
Abbott, Austin.....	I	
Albany, N. Y. Medical College.....		3
American Colonization Society.....		5
“ Folk-lore Society.....	I	
“ Forrestry Association.....		1
“ Pharmaceutical Association.....	2	
Amherst, Mass., Amherst College.....		7
Andover, Mass., Theological Seminary.....		1
Argentine Republic.....	2	
Babcock, Wilcox & Co.....	3	
Baltimore, Md., Enoch Pratt Free Library.....	1	1
“ Peabody Institute.....		2
Battell, John S., New York City.....		2
Beach, Chas. F. Jr., “.....		1
Beck, F. C. T., “.....		2
Berliner, M., “.....	I	
Borden, T. H., “.....	I	
Boston, Mass., Public Library.....		2
“ Boston University.....		1
Bradlee, Caleb Davis, Boston, Mass.....		3
Brookline, Mass., Public Library.....		1
Brooklyn, City of, Board of Education.....	1	
“ Health.....		52
“ Brooklyn Library.....		2
Brooklyn Ethical Association.....		1
Brunswick, Me., Bowdoin College.....		1
Buffalo, N. Y., Buffalo Historical Society.....		2
“ Library.....		1
Burlington, Vt., University of Vermont.....		1
California, Society of California Pioneers.....		1
Cambridge, Mass., Harvard University.....	3	1
Canada, Royal Society of Canada.....	I	
Chandler, W. E. (Hon.).....	I	
Chicago, Ill., Board of Trade.....	I	
“ Public Library.....		1
Childs, Geo. W., Philadelphia, Pa.....		1
Cincinnati, O., Chamber of Commerce.....	I	
“ Public Library.....		5
Cleveland, O., Public Library.....		4
Cobden Club, London, Eng.....		2
College Hill, Mass., Tuft's College.....		2
Connecticut, State of, State Library.....	I	

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	VOLS.	PAM.
Co-operative News Publishing Company, Brooklyn, N. Y.....	I	
Cotheal, Ellen M., New York City.....	83	69
Counsel, Edward, Somerville, Australia.....		2
Coxe, Eckley B., Drifton, Pa.....		2
Cudmore, P. B., Faribault, Minn.....		I
Crane, Albert, Stamford, Conn.....	I	
Daly, Chas. P., (Hon.) New York City.....	I	
Dayton, O., Public Library.....		I
De Peyster, John W., Tivoli, N. Y.....		5
Detroit, Mich., Public Library.....	I	I
Drexel Institute of Art, etc., Philadelphia, Pa.....		I
Ewing, Thos., New York City.....		2
Fall River, Mass., Public Library.....		I
Ferris, F. A. & Co., New York City.....		I
Germantown, Philadelphia, Pa., Friends' Free Library.....		2
Gerry, Elbridge T., New York City.....		I
Gibson, Jos. W.....	5	
Glasgow, Scotland, Baillie's Institution Free Library.....		I
Gloversville, N. Y., Free Library.....		I
Good Samaritan Dispensary, New York City.....		I
Graef, Chas. & Co.....		2
Grand Rapids, Mich., Public Library.....		3
Hartford, Conn., Hartford Historical Society.....		I
" " " Library Association.....		2
" " " Steam Boiler Insurance Co.....	I	
" " " Theological Seminary.....	I	I
" " " Trinity College.....		I
Helena, Mont., Public Library.....		9
Hepner, Adolph, St. Louis, Mo.....		I
Hill, Hawthorne, New York City.....	5	
Hillier, Murray & Co., New York City.....	6	
Holland Society of New York.....	I	
Howard Publishing Co.....	I	
Indianapolis, Ind., Physio-Medical College.....		I
Ithaca, N. Y., Cornell University.....	I	3
Jersey City, N. J., Free Public Library.....	I	10
Jones, John P., Washington, D. C.....	I	
Kargé, Ladislav, New York City.....	I	
Ketcham, H. J., New York City.....	I	
King, Moses, Boston, Mass.....	I	
Konvalinka, Jos. G., Long Island City.....		2
Lally, Fred., Lansingburgh, N. Y.....	4	
Lathers, Richard, New Rochelle, N. Y.....	8	2
Lawrence, Mass., Public Library.....	I	3
Lazarus, Miss J., New York City.....	50	
Leoser, Chas. McK.....	I	
Liverpool, Eng., Free Public Library, Museum, and Art Gallery.....		I
Loase, John F., New York City.....		I
London, Eng., Clerkenwell Public Library.....		I
Los Angeles, Cal., Public Library.....		I
Lynn, Mass., Public Library.....		I
Manchester, Eng., Public Free Libraries.....		I
Manierre, Chas. E., New York City.....		I
Marks, Jacob, " " ".....		I
Massachusetts, State of, Bureau of Statistics of Labor.....	2	
" " " Free Public Library Commission.....	3	

	VOLS.	PAM.
Massachusetts, State of, Institute of Technology.....		1
Menzies Clan Society.....		1
Michigan, State of, State Library.....	55	20
Milwaukee, Wis., Public Library.....		2
Minneapolis, Minn., Public Library.....	1	2
Monmouth, Ill., Warren County Library.....		2
Morgan, T. J. (Hon.).....	1	
Morton, Levi P. (Hon.).....	1	
Nagle, John T., M. D.....		
National Academy of Design.....		1
" Association of Wool Manufacturers.....	2	1
" Eclectic Medical Association, Newark, N. J.....	1	
Nebraska, University of Nebraska.....		1
New Bedford, Mass., Free Public Library.....		1
New England Historical and Genealogical Society.....		1
New Haven, Conn., Free Public Library.....		1
New Jersey, State of, State Library.....	1	
" State Treasurer.....	1	
" Historical Society.....	22	30
" Microscopical Society.....		1
New York, State of, Bureau of Statistics of Labor.....	4	
" Chamber of Commerce.....	1	
" Secretary of State.....	36	
" State Library.....		5
" State Reformatory.....	2	
" State Reservation at Niagara.....		2
New York, City of, Board of Police Justices.....	1	
" Common Council.....	4	
" Department of Public Parks, Meteorological Observatory.....		12
" Health Department.....	3	
New York, Aguilar Free Library.....		1
" American Bible Society.....		1
" American Home Missionary Society.....		2
" American Museum of Natural History.....		2
" American Numismatic and Archæological Society.....		1
" American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.....		1
" Astor Library.....		1
" Children's Aid Society.....		1
" College of the City of New York.....		1
" Colored Home and Hospital.....		1
" Demilt Dispensary.....		1
" Farmers Proceedings.....		3
" Free Circulating Library.....		1
" Free Library of the General Society of Mechanics and Tradesmen.....		1
" German Society of the City of New York.....		1
" Harlem Library.....	1	2
" Hospital Book and Newspaper Society.....		1
" Humantarian.....	2	
" Institution for the Instruction of the Deaf and Dumb.....		1
" Isabella Heimath.....		1
" Lenox Library.....		1
" New York, Academy of Sciences.....	1	
" Dispensary.....		1
" Hospital and Bloomingdale Asylum.....		2

	VOLS.	PAM.
New York, New York, Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children		1
" " Teachers' College		4
" Players, The	1	
" Produce Exchange	1	
" Scientific Alliance of New York		1
" Sheltering Arms		2
" Society for the Reformation of Juvenile Delinquents		1
" State Civil Service Commission	1	
" State Pharmaceutical Association	1	
" Thirteen Club		6
" Union League Club		2
" Theological Seminary		1
" University of the City of New York	4	18
" Woman's Medical College of the New York Infirmary		1
" Young Men's Christian Association		4
Newark, N. J., Public Library		2
Newport, R. I., Redwood Library and Atheneum		1
Newton, Mass., Public Library		1
North Adams, Mass., Public Library		1
Oneida Historical Society		1
Palo Alto, Cal., Leland Stanford Junior University	1	1
Peoria, Ill., Public Library		1
Pearson, H. G., New York City	1	
Philadelphia, Pa., Academy of Natural Sciences		2
" Indian Rights Association		3
" Library Company		2
" Mercantile Library Company		5
" Philadelphia Times		2
" State Penitentiary of the Eastern District of Pennsylvania		1
Place, E. B., New York City	46	
Poole, W. F., Chicago, Ill.	1	
Portland, Ore., Library Association		9
Providence, R. I., Public Library		1
Pullman, Geo. M., Chicago, Ill.		2
Quebec, Can., Université Laval		1
Queens County Agricultural Society		1
Republic of Salvador		1
Rochester, N. Y., Academy of Science		1
" University of Rochester		1
Rowell & Co., George P.	1	
St. Joseph, Mo., Public Library		1
St. Louis, Mo., Mercantile Library Association		1
Salem, Mass., Public Library		1
San Francisco, Cal., Mercantile Library Association		1
" Public Library		1
Saward, Frederick E.	3	
Schenectady, N. Y., Union College		1
Schieffelin, W. H. & Co., New York City	1	
Scranton, Pa., Public Library		1
Seaver, Edwin P., Boston, Mass.		1
Seligman, Miss A.	1	
Sheehan & Co., Ann Arbor, Mich.	1	
Silverman, Joseph, Rev. Dr.		1
Souzandrade, Joaquim, Brazil, S. A.	1	

	VOLS.	PAM.
Springfield, Mass., City Library Association.....		1
Stearns, Frank P., Boston, Mass.....	2	
Stechert, Gustav E.....	2	
Swansea, Eng., Public Library and Gallery of Art.....		2
Taunton, Mass., Public Library.....	1	1
Thiry, J. H., Long Island City.....		1
Tokyo, Japan, Tokyo Library.....		1
Topeka, Kans., Free Public Library.....		1
Toronto, Can., Public Library.....		2
" " Victoria University.....		2
Tucker, Willis G., M. D., Ph. D., Albany, N. Y.....		2
U. S. Civil Service Commission.....	1	
" Cremation Co.....	1	
" Department of Agriculture, Office of Experiment Stations.....		25
" " " Weather Bureau.....	2	1
" " " Labor.....	3	
" " " State.....	6	10
" " " Bureau of American Republics.....		6
" Department of the Interior.....	82	58
" " " Bureau of Education.....	6	3
" " " Census Office.....	2	3
" " " Interstate Commerce Commission..		1
" " " National Museum.....		3
" " " Patent Office.....	24	
" Department of the Navy, Hydrographic Office..... 13 charts		
" " " Naval Observatory.....	2	
" Department of Post Office.....		1
" Department of the Treasury, Bureau of Navigation.....		2
" " " Bureau of Statistics..... 12 tables	6	4
" " " Bureau of the Mint.....	6	
" " " Coast and Geodetic Survey.....	2	3
" " " Life-Saving Service.....	1	
" Department of War.....	11	8
" " " Chief of Engineers.....	2	
" " " Chief of Ordnance.....	1	
" " " Surgeon General's Office.....	1	
Unknown Friend.....		1
Vandergrift, F. B. & Co.....		1
Waltham, Mass., Public Library.....		1
Washington, D. C., American Colonization Society.....		7
" " Anthropological Society of Washington.....		2
" " Smithsonian Institution.....	2	9
Waterhouse, Sylvester (Prof.), St. Louis, Mo.....		2
Waters, Robert, New York City.....		1
Worcester, Mass., Free Public Library.....		1
Young Men's Christian Associations of North America.....		3

[APPENDIX VII.]

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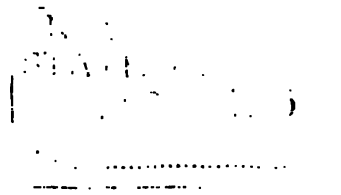
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SEVENTY-FIFTH
ANNUAL REPORT
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SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT.

To the Members of The Mercantile Library:

Following custom and the mandates of our organic law, it devolves upon me to present for your information and consideration the history and details of the business of our Institution for the fiscal year just ended. This will be the 75th report which has been made to the Members since the organization of the Library in 1820.

MEMBERSHIP.

The total number of members on December 31, 1894, was..		3,345
Active members added since last report.....	210	
Subscribing " " " " "	1,011	
Life " " " " "	1	
		1,222
Active members' accounts closed.....	204	
Subscribing " " " " "	1,017	
		1,221
An increase since last report of.....		1
		3,346
Number of active members, December 31, 1895.....	906	
" subscribing " " " " "	2,438	
" permanent " " " " "	1	
" life " " " " "	1	
" honorary " " " " "	37	
" editors using Library.....	15	
Members of Clinton Hall Association.....	1,701	
Total number of persons entitled to use the Library.		
December 31, 1896		5,099

Analyzing the above figures we find that 1,222 new members have been added to the Library during the year, and that 1,221 members have withdrawn or allowed their accounts to lapse, making a net increase of one member since the last report.

THE CIRCULATION OF BOOKS.

Number of books issued from the Library: Astor Place.....	96,511	volumes
" " " " Fifth Avenue branch	56,154	"
" " " " the down-town branch	26,899	"
Total circulation for the year.....	179,564	"

CLASSIFICATION OF THE BOOKS CIRCULATED.

	VOLUMES.	PER CENT.
Theology and religious literature.....	2,921	1.63
Mental and moral Philosophy.....	2,740	1.53
Political and social sciences.....	4,476	2.49
Literature and language.....	11,027	6.14
History, geography and travels.....	18,535	10.32
Biography.....	11,373	6.33
General works.....	17,024	9.48
Natural science and mathematics.....	3,467	1.93
Medical science.....	1,000	.56
The arts.....	4,770	2.66
Fiction, English.....	94,043	52.37
" French.....	5,520	3.07
" German.....	2,560	1.43
" other foreign.....	108	.06
	179,564	100.00

MONTHLY CIRCULATION.

January.....	17,428	volumes
February.....	16,541	"
March.....	19,516	"
April.....	16,242	"
May.....	15,419	"
June.....	14,839	"
July.....	11,277	"
August.....	8,838	"
September.....	10,373	"
October.....	15,308	"
November.....	17,559	"
December.....	16,724	"
Total.....	179,964	"

The average monthly circulation was 14,963 $\frac{2}{3}$ volumes. The largest monthly circulation was 19,516 volumes, in the month of March.

The average daily circulation was 588 $\frac{2}{3}$ volumes. The greatest daily circulation was 1,084 volumes, on February 23d, and the smallest 129 volumes, on August 24th.

Three thousand, three hundred and twenty-three notices were sent to members to return books retained over time.

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REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

ASTOR PLACE.

The use of books in the department for reference, exclusive of the use made of the encyclopædias, dictionaries and other reference books to which the members have free access, and of which no record is kept, was as follows :

	VOLUMES.	PER CENT.
Theology and religious literature.....	1,093	2.92
Mental and moral philosophy.....	889	2.38
Political and social sciences.....	2,584	6.91
Literature and language.....	4,447	11.89
History, geography and travels.....	6,171	16.51
Biography.....	3,777	10.10
General works.....	12,166	32.54
Natural science and mathematics.....	2,098	5.61
Medical science.....	520	1.39
The arts.....	2,996	8.01
Fiction, English.....	595	1.59
“ French.....	21	.06
“ German.....	30	.08
“ other foreign.....	2	.01
Total.....	37,389	100.00

BOOK DELIVERY SERVICE.

The number of books delivered by messengers at members' residences or places of business was as follows :

From the Library, Astor Place.....	2,817	volumes
“ “ Fifth Avenue branch.....	3,795	“
Total delivery.....	6,612	“

This branch of our work shows a considerable increase over the business of the previous year. The service has been extended to include all sections of the city south of the Harlem river.

Members may now have their books delivered during the entire year to any portion of the city as above stated for the small sum of Two Dollars.

For single deliveries the charge is ten cents per book for places above 59th street, and five cents for all below that street.

BOOKS ADDED TO THE LIBRARY IN 1895.

By purchase.....	5,637	volumes
By donation.....	476	"
Total additions.....	6,113	"

The *deductions* are as follows:

Books worn out and condemned.....	457	volumes
" lost and unaccounted for.....	33	"
" " " paid for.....	91	"
Duplicate books sold.....	84	"
	665	"
Net increase for the year.....	5,448	volumes
Number of volumes January 1, 1895.....	246,514	"
Total number of volumes January 1, 1896.....	251,962	

In our purchase of books every effort has been made to meet the demands of all classes of readers.

While the wants of those of our members who delight in fiction and the lighter class of literature have been liberally supplied, the student and the serious reader have also been provided for. The names of some of our recent accessions are as follows:

The Manchester Ship Canal. A pictorial record of its construction.
2 vols.

Artistic Houses. Interior views. 4 vols.

Artistic Country Seats. 2 vols.

Jones. Under Colonial Roofs.

The Turner Gallery.

Harrison and MacColl. Greek Vase Painting.

Grindlay. Scenery, Costumes and Architecture of India.

Early Venetian Printing.

Furtwangler. Masterpieces of Greek Art.

Albert Moore. His Life and Work.

Mombert. Raphael's Sistine Madonna.

Bancroft. Book of the Fair.

Hitchcock. Art of the World. 2 vols.

Baes. Historical Towers and Turrets of Belgium.

Reed. Masterpieces of German Art.

The Graphic Gallery of Shakespeare's Heroines.

Nye. Colonial Furniture.
 Sir Frederick Leighton. An Illustrated Chronicle.
 The Comedies of William Shakespeare. With many drawings by
 Edwin Abbey. 4 vols.
 The Tavern of the Three Virtues. Pictured by Daniel Vierge.
 Cyclopædia of Architecture in Italy, Greece and the Levant.
 Correggio. His Life, His Friends and His Time.
 Cole. Old Dutch and Flemish Masters.
 Stevenson. The Art of Velasquez.
 Hamilton. Dated Book Plates.
 Ruskin. Studies in Both Arts.
 Bradley. Annals of Westminster Abbey.
 A London Garland. Selected from five centuries of English verse.
 By W. E. Henley.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

The total receipts for the year from all sources was \$26,970.68.
 The expenditures amounted to \$25,822.53.
 For the branch libraries there was expended \$5,557.35.
 The sum spent for periodicals and binding amounts to
 \$8,961.95.
 For other details we refer to the report of the Treasurer.

READING ROOM STATISTICS.

	ATTENDANCE.
January.....	2,621
February.....	2,250
March.....	2,731
April.....	2,610
May.....	2,585
June.....	1,960
July.....	1,829
August.....	1,888
September.....	2,095
October.....	2,711
November.....	2,482
December.....	2,419
Total.....	28,181
Monthly average attendance.....	2,348½
Daily " ".....	83
Average attendance from 6 to 9 P. M.....	16

BRANCH LIBRARY, 426 FIFTH AVENUE.

The number of books issued from this branch is as follows:

January.....	6,108	volumes
February.....	5,953	"
March.....	6,584	"
April.....	5,463	"
May.....	5,322	"
June.....	5,008	"
July.....	2,824	"
August.....	1,070	"
September.....	2,329	"
October.....	4,445	"
November.....	5,498	"
December.....	5,550	"
Total.....	56,154	"

CLASSIFICATION OF THE CIRCULATION.

Theology and religious literature	354	volumes
Moral and mental philosophy.....	472	"
Political and social sciences.....	524	"
Literature and language.....	1,778	"
History, geography and travels.	3,351	"
Biography.....	2,487	"
General works.....	1,284	"
Natural science and mathematics.....	278	"
Medical science.....	78	"
The arts.....	485	"
Fiction, English.....	42,486	"
" French.....	1,759	"
" German.....	796	"
" other foreign.....	22	"
Total.....	56,154	"

The average monthly circulation was 4,679½ volumes.

The average daily circulation was 191 volumes.

The largest number of books issued in a single day was 437, on February 23d, and the smallest 53 volumes, on August 7th.

The number of persons using this branch on January 1st, 1896, was 1,555.

Members and subscribers.....	1,189
Clinton Hall members.....	366
Total.....	1,555

DOWN-TOWN BRANCH, 120 BROADWAY.

The number of volumes circulated through this branch for the year was 26,899 volumes, an increase over the previous year's business of 2,960 volumes.

CLASSIFICATION.

Theology and religious literature.....	284	volumes
Mental and moral philosophy.....	198	"
Political and social science.....	328	"
Literature and language.....	240	"
History, geography and travels.....	1,799	"
Biography.....	933	"
General works.....	1,884	"
Natural science and mathematics.....	249	"
Medical science.....	55	"
The arts.....	198	"
Fiction, English.....	19,790	"
" French.....	679	"
" German.....	229	"
" other foreign.....	33	"
Total.....	26,899	"

The steady and continuous increase in the extent of our business at this branch demonstrates, we think, the wisdom of the change made to the present location three years ago. The number of books issued during the past year is greater than for any single year since 1883.

CATALOGUES AND READERS' AIDS.

Printed accession lists of the books added to the Library Nos. 20-32 inclusive, 2,600 copies, were issued and given to the members without charge.

Bulletin No. 16, containing the additions from October, 1894, to October, 1895, was issued in December.

The following table shows the additions which have been made to the various card catalogues.

To the main catalogue, Astor Place	7,327	cards,	695	guides.
To the reference department catalogue, Astor Place..	7,418	"	599	"
To Fifth Avenue branch catalogue.....	2,020	"	48	"
Total.....	16,765	"	1,342	"

BEQUESTS AND DONATIONS.

We have received during the year as gifts 476 volumes of books, and 459 pamphlets.

These donations came from the national and state governments, from various public institutions and from individual friends of the Library.

The names of all donors will appear in the appendix to be attached to this report.

Special mention should be made of the very valuable gifts of Mr. Horace J. Fairchild and Mr. Wm. H. Webb.

From Mr. Fairchild was received, in two large quarto volumes, the pictorial records of the construction of the Manchester (England) Ship Canal, and from Mr. Webb the plans of wooden vessels built by him in the City of New York from 1840 to 1869. 2 vols.

Our art department has been enriched by the addition of a portrait of the late John T. Rollins.

Mr. Rollins was President of the Association in the year 1842. We are indebted for this gift to the liberality and thoughtful consideration of Mr. M. C. D. Borden and Mr. Daniel F. Appleton, from whom the portrait was received.

At present the Library walls are adorned with the portraits of the following-named ex-presidents of the Association:

Cornelius Savage, President	1823-24
Richard B. Brown,	" 1827-31
Edmund Coffin,	" 1838
John T. Rollins,	" 1842
Thomas J. Bayaud,	" 1850
Isaac H Bailey,	" 1849
Daniel F. Appleton,	" 1854
D. Reynolds Budd,	" 1855
Charles Osgood,	" 1862-63

Some years ago a request was made by the Board of Directors of the living ex-presidents of the Library to have them send us their portraits, that they might be preserved as a part of our archives.

We now supplement that appeal, and urge all ex-officers who may read this report to place their portraits among our collection, and thereby aid in making complete the pictorial history of the Association.

BOARD OF DIRECTION.

It is our mournful duty in this connection to report the death of our fellow member and co-laborer in the affairs of the Library, Mr. Charles Wager Hull.

Early in June last Mr. Hull, in company with a friend, left the city for a visit to the Yellowstone National Park, in search of health and pleasure. After remaining at this resort for some length of time, he started on his journey for home. His friends were startled to learn through the newspapers that he had been suddenly taken sick whilst on the cars, and had expired before medical aid could be procured. Your Board made the following minute:

"It is with feelings of profound sorrow that we record the loss by death of our esteemed associate, Charles Wager Hull.

Mr. Hull became a member of the Library in early youth, and from that time his membership was continuous, and for over fifty years he manifested a deep interest in all that appertained to the welfare of the Mercantile Library Association.

He was elected a member of the Board of Directors in 1876, became corresponding secretary in 1878, succeeded to the presidency of the Association in 1890 and remained a member of the Board of Direction until his death.

All of these positions he filled with ability and fidelity, therefore be it

Resolved, That this Board bears sincere and grateful testimony to the valuable services rendered to this Institution by the deceased, and we cherish the recollections of our association with one who was actuated by so much honesty of purpose and devotion to duty.

Resolved, That, while bowing to the will of an all wise Providence, we mourn the loss of a wise counselor and sincere friend.

Resolved, that these resolutions be recorded in full upon our minutes, and that a copy signed by the officers of the Association be forwarded to the family of the deceased."

Mr. Thomas J. Gaines was elected a member of the Board to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Hull.

CONCLUSION.

In concluding we desire to say that while the anticipations and hopes, as expressed in the last report, have not been fully realized,

and that while we have not been able to accomplish all of the improvements in contemplation, nevertheless there is cause for felicitation in our present condition.

Our business for the year shows an increase in almost every department.

The number of books circulated is the largest for the past twenty years. Our membership and our income have both been increased.

The reports of the President and Treasurer of Clinton Hall Association are exceedingly gratifying.

We join with Mr. Bailey, the President of the Clinton Hall Association, in his tribute paid to Mr. Borden for his valuable work in caring for the finances of that Association.

Our future looks bright and promising, and we congratulate you upon the outlook. Finally, to the Librarian and his staff credit and praise is due for the energetic and efficient manner in which their trying and onerous duties have been performed throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted in behalf of the Board of Direction.

LINCOLN A. STUART,

NEW YORK, January 14, 1896.

President.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The seventy-fifth annual meeting of the Mercantile Library Association was held at the library on Tuesday evening, January the 21st, 1896, at 8 o'clock.

The vice-president of the Association, Mr. Chas. S. Douglas, occupied the chair.

Mr. A. Wetmore acted as secretary of the meeting.

The secretary read the minutes of the seventy-fourth annual meeting, which were approved.

The secretary read the reports of Mr. Isaac H. Bailey, president of the Clinton Hall Association, and of Mr. M. C. D. Borden, the treasurer.

These reports were received and ordered to be printed with the annual report.

In the absence of the treasurer of the Association his report was read by the secretary. This report was adopted and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Douglas read the 75th annual report of the Association, which was approved, and the usual number of copies ordered to be printed for the use of the members.

A. WETMORE,
Secretary.

APPENDIXES TO ANNUAL REPORT.

[APPENDIX I.]

TREASURER'S REPORT OF THE MERCANTILE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION,

For the year ending December 31, 1895.

RECEIPTS.

Balance December 31, 1894.....		\$1,185.22
Initiation fees	\$ 1,222.00	
Annual and semi-annual dues.....	13,651.00	
Duplicate accounts.....	661.50	
Amount received for extra books and fines.....	3,322.70	
Duplicate books.....	1,463.28	
Catalogues.....	44.95	
Interest.....	1,010.00	
Book delivery.....	355.50	
Clinton Hall Association.....	3,816.35	
Permanent catalogue fund interest.....	185.44	
Old paper.....	52.74	
		<u>25,785.46</u>
		\$26,970.68

EXPENDITURES.

Books.....	6,404.89	
Periodicals.....	1,488.26	
Binding.....	1,068.80	
Salaries.....	7,709.38	
Down-town branch.....	1,821.02	
Fifth Avenue branch.....	3,736.33	
Catalogue.....	1,009.57	
Fixtures.....	77.96	
Stationery and printing.....	682.92	
Book delivery.....	356.10	
Advertising.....	369.71	
Insurance.....	384.00	
Incidentals.....	570.99	
Postage.....	142.60	
		<u>25,822.53</u>
Balance in Astor Place Bank.....		1,148.15
		<u>\$26,970.68</u>

[APPENDIX II.]

CLINTON HALL ASSOCIATION.

NEW YORK, January 9, 1896.

*To the President and Directors of the Mercantile Library
Association :*

GENTLEMEN :

I transmit herewith the report of M. C. D. Borden, Treasurer, showing the condition of the Clinton Hall Association at the end of the year 1895.

All the indebtedness has been paid except the loan of \$275,000, secured by mortgage, and there was on the last day of the year the sum of \$5,225.01 in the treasury, which was \$3,306 more than at the close of the previous year. Our financial condition has therefore improved in twelve months to the extent of \$10,806. Considering the untoward influences which have been all the while so disturbing to industry and commerce, this result affords cause for felicitation.

I cannot deny myself the gratification of making a hearty acknowledgment of the invaluable services of the Treasurer. The zeal, energy and capability with which he has cared for the interests of both associations are worthy of the highest praise. In his unselfish devotion to a noble work he has proved himself to be a pre-eminently valuable citizen. He will be very likely to take exception to this tribute to his worth, but my colleagues will approve of it, and so will all the members of the kindred institutions.

With the strongest wishes for the increased prosperity and usefulness of the Library, I remain, gentlemen,

Yours heartily,

ISAAC H. BAILEY,
President.

[APPENDIX III.]
 ANNUAL REPORT OF M. C. D. BORDEN, TREASURER
 OF CLINTON HALL ASSOCIATION.
New York, January 2, 1896.

RECEIPTS.

From building account..... \$ 3,816.35

EXPENDITURES.

Fifth Avenue branch.....	\$2,200.00	
Down-town branch.....	300.00	
Printing annual report.....	20.00	
Clerical services.....	600.00	
Binding and re-binding.....	696.35	
		3,816.35

BUILDING FUND RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand December 31, 1894.....	\$ 1,919.01	
Rents received.....	44,831.06	
		46,750.07

EXPENDITURES.

Paid on loans.....	\$ 7,500.00	
Coal.....	2,268.25	
Gas.....	81.22	
Insurance.....	579.40	
Interest on loans.....	12,580.84	
Taxes.....	3,133.70	
Expense administration.....	10,002.23	
Expense repairs.....	229.31	
		\$36,374.95
Library account.....	3,816.35	
Building account.....	1,333.76	
		41,525.06
Cash in Astor Place Bank.....	5,197.26	
Check on hand.....	27.75	
		46,750.07
Cost of building.....	\$502,405.70	
Insurance on building.....	450,000.00	
Insurance on books.....	68,000.00	

LIABILITIES.

Bond and mortgage, Bowery Savings Bank, at 4½ per cent.....\$275,000.00

M. C. D. BORDEN, *Treasurer.*

[APPENDIX IV.]

BOOK ACCOUNT.

Number of volumes	December 31, 1894	246,514
"	"	
"	added since by purchase	5,637
"	"	
"	"	
"	donation	476
		<u>6,113</u>
English books added		5,703
French	"	241
German	"	149
Other foreign books added		20
		<u>6,113</u>
Folio		188
Quarto		255
Octavo		1,304
Duodecimo		4,284
16mo and 24mo		82
		<u>6,113</u>
On theology and religious literature		110
"	mental and moral philosophy	81
"	political and social sciences	294
"	literature and language	233
"	history, geography and travels	585
"	biography	309
General works and reference books		748
On natural science and mathematics		138
"	medical science	47
"	the arts	213
Fiction, English		3,051
"	French	170
"	German	118
"	Italian	5
"	Spanish	11
		<u>3,355</u>
		<u>6,113</u>
Less surplus and imperfect books sold		665
		<u>5,448</u>
Total number of volumes December 31, 1895		251,962
Pamphlets added		524
Periodicals bound (volumes)		459
		<u>983</u>
Number of volumes at the up-town branch December 31, 1894		25,625
Added January 1st to December 31st, 1895		1,590
Withdrawn	"	38
		<u>1,552</u>
Total number of volumes at up-town branch December 31, 1895		27,177

[APPENDIX V.]

BINDING.

1895.	NEW BOOKS.					OLD BOOKS.					GRAND TOTAL.	
	Duck	Half Morocco	Half Leather	Cloth	TOTAL	Duck	Half Morocco	Half Leather	Cloth	Re-cased		Total
January . .	17	—	9	21	47	19	—	—	1	6	26	73
February .	82	2	2	47	133	30	—	—	12	35	77	210
March. . .	52	19	101	66	238	34	2	20	9	69	134	372
April . . .	40	30	35	30	135	20	—	—	6	22	48	183
May . . .	3	15	1	66	85	9	—	20	21	29	79	164
June. . .	15	8	14	30	67	—	—	—	10	23	33	100
July . . .	23	13	10	36	82	—	—	5	4	48	57	139
August . .	53	—	—	20	73	—	—	—	4	20	24	97
September .	26	4	18	10	58	—	—	2	—	30	32	90
October. .	50	15	28	20	113	5	—	37	—	55	97	210
November .	22	1	52	—	75	1	8	10	—	52	71	146
December .	15	1	43	5	64	5	11	14	—	18	48	112
TOTAL. .	398	108	313	351	1,170	123	21	108	67	407	726	1,896

[APPENDIX VI.]

LIST OF DONORS

TO THE

MERCANTILE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION,

For the year ending December 31, 1895.

	VOLS.	PAM.
Abbott, Austin, New York City.....	1	
Academy of Natural Sciences, Philadelphia, Pa.		1
Aguilar Free Library, New York City ...		1
Albany Medical College.....		1
American Bible Society		1
“ Colonization Society, Washington, D. C.		6
“ Congregational Association, Boston, Mass.		1
“ Forestry Association, Washington, D. C.		2
“ Humanitarian League.....	1	1
“ Museum of Natural History, New York City.....	1	1
“ Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, New York City.....		2
“ Society of Civil Engineers, New York City.....		1
Astor Library, New York City.....		1
Avery, S. P., “ “ “	1	
Babbitt, Charles J., New York City..... Miscellaneous newspapers		
Baillie's Institution, Glasgow, Scotland.....		1
Balch, Edward, Philadelphia, Pa.	1	
Barnard College, New York City... ..		1
Battel, John S., “ “ “		1
Beck, F. C. T., “ “ “	1	4
Behrends, A. J. F., D.D., New York City.....		1
Boss, M. P., San Francisco, Cal.		1
Boston, Mass., Public Library.....		2
“ “ Record Commissioners of the City of Boston.....	2	
Bowdoin College Library, Brunswick, Me.....		1
Bradley, Rev. Caleb Davis, Boston, Mass.		4
Bridgeport, Conn., Public Library.....		1
Brookline, Mass., “ “		1
Brooklyn, City of, Board of Education.....	1	
“ “ “ “ Health... ..		52
“ Daily Eagle.....	1	
“ Library.....		2
Brown University, Providence, R. I.		2
Buffalo, N. Y., Public Library.....		3
“ Historical Society.....		1
California World's Fair Commission, San Francisco, Cal.	1	
Carles, C., Argentine Republic.....	3	
Carnegie Free Library, Allegheny, Pa.....		1
Charity Organization Society, New York City.....	2	
Chelsea, Mass., Public library.....		1
Children's Aid Society, New York City.....		1

	VOLS.	PAG.
Cincinnati, O., Chamber of Commerce.....	1	
" Public Library.....		6
Clerkenwell Public Library, London, England.....		1
Cleveland, O., " ".....		6
Cobden Club, London, England.....		2
Cole, Geo. Watson, Jersey City, N. J.....		1
Colgate University, Hamilton, N. Y.....		2
College of the City of New York.....		1
" William and Mary, Williamsburg, Va.....		1
Colored Home and Hospital, New York City.....		1
Columbia College, New York City.....	2	12
Connecticut, State of, State Library.....	1	
" Historical Society.....		1
Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y.....		3
Cortina, R. D., New York City.....	5	
Counsel, Edward, Somerville, Australia.....	1	
Crosby, Mrs. Howard, New York City.....	1	
Daniels, Geo. H., New York City.....	1	
Dayton, O., Public Library.....		1
Depew, Chauncey M., L.L.D., New York City.....		1
Detroit, Mich., Public Library.....		1
Dos Passos, John R., New York City.....		1
Drexel Institute of Art, etc., Philadelphia, Pa.....		1
Dyrsen & Pfeiffer, New York City.....	1	
Egleston, G. W., Caerleon, Monmouthshire, England.....	1	
Enoch Pratt Free Library, Baltimore, Md.....		2
Fairchild, Horace J., New York City.....	2	1
Fall River, Mass., Public Library.....		1
Field Columbian Museum, Chicago, Ill.....		6
Fletcher Free Library, Burlington, Vt.....		1
Foster, Rev. J. M., Boston, Mass.....	1	
Franklin Reformatory, Home for Inebriates, Philadelphia, Pa.....		1
Friends' Free Library and Reading Room, Germantown, Phila., Pa.....		1
Funk & Wagnall's Company, New York City.....	1	
General Society of Mechanics and Tradesmen, New York City.....	1	2
German Masonic Temple, New York City.....	1	
" Society of the City of New York.....		1
Gibson, Jos. W. & Co., New York City.....	3	
Gloversville, N. Y., Free Library.....		1
Gottberger, Wm. S., New York City.....	1	
Grand Rapids, Mich., Public Library.....		1
Gray, M., Penzance, England.....	1	
Harlem Library, New York City.....		1
Hartford, Conn., Public Library.....		5
" Steam Boiler and Insurance Company.....	1	
" Theological Seminary.....		1
Hartmann, C. S., New York City.....		1
Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.....		3
Heath, Dr. A. S., Brooklyn, N. Y.....		2
Hebrew Technical Institute, New York City.....		2
Helena, Mont., Public Library.....		5
Hoboken, N. J., Free Public Library.....	1	
Hospital Book and Newspaper Society, New York City.....		1
Howson & Howson, New York City.....	1	
Iles, George, New York City.....		5
Illinois, State of, Bureau of Statistics.....	1	

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	VOLS.	PAM.
Indian Rights Association, Philadelphia, Pa.		5
Institut International de Bibliographie, Bruxelles.		1
Isabella Heimath, New York City.		1
Jersey City, N. J., Free Public Library.		9
Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Md.	1	
Lawrence, Mass., Public Library.		4
Leavitt, John M., New York City.	1	
Leland Stanford, Jr., University, Palo Alto, Cal.		1
Library Company of Philadelphia, Pa.		2
Liverpool, England, Free Public Library, Museum and Art Gallery.		1
Loase, John F., New York City.	3	
Lockwood, Col. Henry C., New York City.	1	
Los Angeles, Cal., Public Library.		1
Low, Lyman H., New York City.		1
Lumber Trade Journal, New York City.	3	
Lynn, Mass., Public Library.		1
Macullar, Parker & Co., Boston, Mass.		1
Manchester, England, Public Free Libraries.		1
" N. H., City Library.		2
Mercantile Library Association, Cincinnati, O.	1	
" " " St. Louis, Mo.		1
" " " San Francisco, Cal.		1
" " " Company, Philadelphia, Pa.		2
Meriden Britannia Company, New York City.		1
Michigan, State of, State Library.	15	17
Milwaukee, Wis., Public Library.		7
Minneapolis, Minn., Public Library.	1	1
Minnesota Historical Society, St. Paul, Minn.		2
Mount Holyoke College, South Hadley, Mass.		2
National Academy of Design, New York City.		1
" Association of Wool Manufacturers, Boston, Mass.	1	
" Civil Service Reform League, New York City.		2
" Divorce Reform League.		3
Neimyer, W. G., Chicago, Ill.		1
New Bedford, Mass., Free Public Library.	1	
New England Historical and Genealogical Society.		1
" " Society in the City of New York.		1
" " States Vital Statistics.		1
New Haven, Conn., Free Public Library.		3
New Jersey, State of, Adjutant General.	1	
" " " Geologist.	2	
" " " State Library.	3	
" " " Treasurer.	1	
New York, City of, Board of Aldermen.	5	
" " " Police Justices.	1	
" " " Department of Public Parks, Meteorological.		
" " " Observatory.	2	13
" " " Health Department.	3	
" " " Street Cleaning Department.		1
New York, State of, Board of Charities.	3	
" " " General Managers at the World's Colum- bian Exposition.	1	
" " " Chamber of Commerce.	1	
" " " Factory Inspectors.	1	1
" " " Secretary of State.	40	

	VOLS.	PAM.
New York, State of, State Library.....	2	3
" " " " Reformatory.....	I	
" " " " Reservation at Niagara.....	I	
New York Academy of Sciences.....		3
" " Aqueduct Commission.....	I	
" " Farmers.....		I
" " Free Circulating Library.....		4
" " Genealogical and Biographical Society.....	I	
" " Hospital and Bloomingdale Asylum.....		I
" " Institute for the Blind.....		2
" " Library Association.....		I
" " Produce Exchange.....	I	
" " Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children.....		I
" " " Library.....		2
" " State Civil Service Commission.....	I	
" " " Pharmaceutical Association.....	I	
" " Union Theological Seminary.....		I
Newark, N. J., Free Public Library.....		I
Newberry Library, Chicago, Ill.....	I	
Newburgh, N. Y., Board of Education.....		2
Newton, Mass., Free Library.....		2
North Adams, Mass., Public Library.....		I
North Side Board of Trade, New York City.....		I
Novelist Publishing Company, New York City.....	I	
Orme, R. M., Savannah, Ga.....	I	
Paterson, N. J., Free Public Library.....		2
Peabody Institute, Baltimore, Md.....		I
" " Danvers, Mass.....	I	
Pennsylvania Prison Society, Philadelphia, Pa.....		I
Peoria, Ill., Free Library.....		2
Philadelphia, Pa., State Penitentiary for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.....		I
Physico Medical College of Indiana, Indianapolis, Ind.....		I
Portland, Ore., Library Association.....		14
Princeton College, Princeton, N. J.....	I	
Providence, R. I., Public Library.....		12
" " Athenæum.....		2
Railroad Men's Library, New York City.....		I
Redwood Library and Athenæum, Newport, R. I.....		I
Rochester, N. Y., Academy of Science.....		I
Roosevelt Hospital, New York City.....		I
Round, W. M. F., New York City.....	5	
Royal Society of Canada, Ottawa, Canada.....	I	
St. Joseph, Mo., Public Library.....		I
St. Louis, Mo., " ".....		2
St. Martin-in-the-Fields, London, England.....		I
Salem, Mass., Public Library.....		I
San Francisco, Cal., Free Public Library.....		12
Sandland, F. A., New York City.....	I	
Savage, John Y., " ".....		I
Schieffelin, W. H. & Co., New York City.....	I	
Scranton, Pa., Public Library.....		5
Scientific Alliance of New York.....		I
Sedelmeyer, Ch., Paris, France.....		I
Sheltering Arms, New York City.....		

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	VOLS.	PAM.
Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D. C	6	15
Springfield, Mass., City Library Association		2
Stechert, Gustav E., New York City	2	
Stokes, Anson Phelps, " " "	1	
Taunton, Mass., Public Library		2
Theological Seminary, Andover, Mass.		1
Thirteen Club, New York City		2
Tokyo Library, Tokyo, Japan		2
Toronto, Canada, Public Library		1
Trenchard, Edouard, New York City		1
Trinity College, Hartford, Conn.		2
Tucker, Willis G., M. D., Albany, N. Y.		2
Tuft's College, College Hill, Mass.		2
Tulane University, New Orleans, La.		1
Union League Club, New York City	1	
Union of American Hebrew Congregation, Cincinnati, O.	1	
United States Civil Service Commission	2	
" " Department of Agriculture	1	7
" " " " Entomology		2
" " " " Office of Experiment Stations	1	23
" " " " Ornithology		4
" " " " Weather Bureau I Chart	2	4
" " Department of Labor	2	
" " Department of State	2	9
" " " " Geological Survey I Atlas		
" " Department of the Interior	97	31
" " " " Bureau of Education	2	12
" " " " Census Office	5	
" " " " Interstate Commerce Com- mission	1	
" " " " National Museum	3	
" " " " Patent Office	18	
" " Department of the Navy	2	
" " " " Hydrographic Office, 12 Charts		
" " Department of the Treasury	3	6
" " " " Coast and Geodetic Survey	1	4
" " " " Comptroller of the Currency	4	
" " " " Life Saving Service	2	
" " Department of War	4	5
" " " " Chief of Engineers	7	
" " " " Ordnance	1	
" " " " Surgeon General's Office	1	
" " Superintendent of Documents	77	4
Université Laval, Quebec, Canada		1
University Club, New York City		2
" of California, Berkeley, Cal.		1
" Nebraska		4
" Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pa.		3
" Rochester, Rochester, N. Y.		1
" the City of New York		1
" Vermont		1
Unknown Friends	1	4
Victoria University, Toronto, Canada	1	
Waite, Henry E., West Newton, Mass.		1
Walsh, W. S., New York City	1	

